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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
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U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building

Miami, Florida

September 10, 1937.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Assistant United States Attorney Lloyd C. Hooks, at Miami, Florida, advised on September 9, 1937, that he was directing a letter to the Attorney General requesting authority to nolle the two outstanding indictments against Cassius McDonald in connection with the harboring of Alvin Karpis.

The numbers of the two indictments which are still outstanding as to McDonald in the United States District Court, Miami, Florida, are 4608 and 4659.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers
R. L. Shivers
Special Agent in Charge.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building

Miami, Florida

September 10, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Damon G. Yerkes, Assistant United States Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida, addressed a communication to this office September 8, 1937, advising that if I will furnish him the serial number on the automatic rifle involved in this case which is being held at this office he will draw up a libel to be filed in Miami for the purpose of confiscating the rifle and turning same over to the Bureau.

Please advise me if this procedure is considered desirable.

In this connection, please refer to the Bureau's letter of September 2, 1937, (7-576), addressed to this office, in which it was stated that the question of confiscating the rifle has been referred to the Criminal Division of the Department.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers
R. L. Shivers
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Miami, Florida.

Re: BREXID

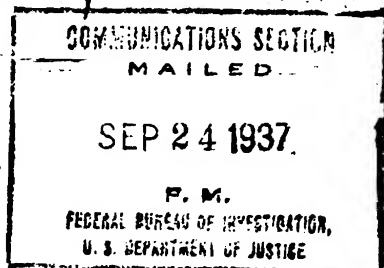
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 10, 1937, concerning the drawing up of a libel to be filed in Miami for the purpose of confiscating the automatic rifle and turning the same over to the Bureau.

You are hereby authorized to follow this procedure in this matter.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

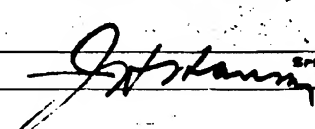
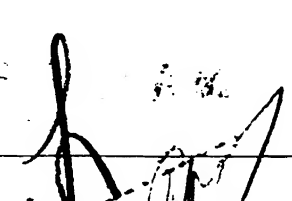


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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

L.A. FILE NO. 7-42

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 9-7-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-4,5,6-37	REPORT MADE BY R. N. PRANKE AB
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases. DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ET AL. Edward George Bremer - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>ALBERT M. WILLIAMS, 3519 Cedar Avenue, Lynwood, California, not identical with MILTON LETT or LEN JORDAN. WILLIAMS interviewed and advises he does not know LETT.</p> <p>- P -</p> </div>			
REFERENCE: <p>Letter from Kansas City to Los Angeles, 7-22-37; Letter from Los Angeles to Kansas City, 7-29-37; Report of Special Agent R. N. Pranke, Los Angeles, 7-27-37.</p>			
DETAILS <u>AT LYNNWOOD, CALIFORNIA:</u> <p>Agent interviewed E. C. HALVERSON, Postmaster, and HANS A. NELSON, Assistant, who advised that MRS. WARREN SNELL lives at 3519 Cedar Avenue, but that they have a smaller home in the back where the WILLIAMS family resides. They were unable to furnish any information concerning the WILLIAMS family.</p> <p>The writer returned to the Post Office in about two hours to interview the mail carrier, at which time HALVERSON and NELSON stated that MR. and</p>			
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MRS. WILLIAMS had been in the Post Office during Agent's absence, and had obtained several money orders.

JOE ETHRIDGE, clerk, stated that MR. WILLIAMS remarked that he was from Coffeyville, Kansas, where the famous DALTON BROTHERS lived. The above three individuals all advised that WILLIAMS was approximately sixty years old, and his wife about forty-five, and when shown photographs of MR. and MRS. MILTON LETT, all three definitely stated that MR. and MRS. WILLIAMS did not resemble the photographs in any way.

MR. HALVERSON showed Agent the money order applications and it was noted that Application No. 170839 was made payable to PEARL BROOKS, 1414 Willow, Coffeyville, Kansas, for 75¢, and was sent by MRS. MARY WILLIAMS. Application No. 170840 was made payable to F. M. DOWNEY, 1111 West 11th, Coffeyville, Kansas, and was sent by A. M. WILLIAMS, in the amount of \$10.26.

MR. HALVERSON also showed Agent a letter which they found in their outgoing mail, addressed to MRS. ANNIE BARRY, 302 East 9th, Coffeyville, Kansas, and which is believed to have been mailed by either MR. or MRS. WILLIAMS.

WILLARD WARRICK, mail carrier, advised that MR. and MRS. A. M. WILLIAMS reside in the rear house at 3519 Cedar Avenue; that he has never seen MR. WILLIAMS, and that MRS. WILLIAMS does not look like the photograph of MRS. LETT.

The writer and Special Agent Horn interviewed MR. and MRS. WARREN SNELL, 3519 Cedar Avenue, who advised that MR. and MRS. WILLIAMS have lived in the rear house for the past several months; that they came from Coffeyville, Kansas, and that the only visitors they have had is a man named HORNBERGER. They were shown photographs of MR. and MRS. LETT and stated that no such persons have visited the WILLIAMS family at any time.

On August 6, 1937, the writer interviewed MR. and MRS. ALBERT M. WILLIAMS, who advised that they have been living at their present address since May 15, 1937, having come from Coffeyville, Kansas. MR. WILLIAMS stated he is a retired Missouri-Pacific Railroad switchman; that he does not know anyone named MILTON LETT, but advised that in Coffeyville, Kansas, there is a man named AL LETT who is superintendent of Ludawick Roofing and Tile Company. MR. WILLIAMS also advised that JAKE D. HORNBERGER, 3333 Lynwood Road, Lynwood, formerly was in the hotel business at Wichita, Kansas, and was very well acquainted there.

MR. and MRS. WILLIAMS also mentioned that they know MR. and MRS. LEN JORDAN in Long Beach, and know several of his sisters back in Wichita. They were not told that the JORDANS had been previously interviewed, and were requested to keep their interview with Agent strictly confidential, which they promised they would do. They were also given the address and telephone number of the Los Angeles Field Division and promised to immediately notify the office should they obtain any information at all regarding a MILTON LETT.

MR. and MRS. WILLIAMS were also unable to identify the photographs of MR. and MRS. LETT.

MR. HORNBERGER advised Agent that he does not know anyone named MILTON LETT, nor could he identify his photograph; however, he advised that he operated a hotel in Wichita, Kansas, from 1927 to 1931. When shown LETT'S photograph, he stated LETT resembled one of the men working at Von's Market.

At Von's Market, 11450 Long Beach Boulevard, Agent interviewed BOB TONAI, manager, fruit department, and JACK WEAVER, manager, grocery department, and both advised that the photograph of MILTON LETT does not look familiar to them, and that none of their employees resembled him.

Agent accidentally met WILLARD WARRICK, mail carrier, and he was told to advise MR. HALVERSON to discontinue the mail cover which had been placed on the WILLIAMS mail. This cancellation was later confirmed by letter.

As a result of the mail cover which was placed on the mail of MR. and MRS. A. M. WILLIAMS, a tracing was received indicating a letter was received by them from MRS. MELVIN COOLEY, 416 East 10th, Coffeyville, Kansas, and another tracing from R. D. AUY(?)EWS, 1014 So. Wd. Coffeyville, Kansas.

AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA:

LEN JORDAN, 526 Orange Drive, was interviewed by Agent, who advised that he and his wife were unable to find the letter which they believed contained the address of MILTON LETT'S married sister. Further, that he wrote to his sister, but has not had an answer as yet, and as soon as he does hear, he will immediately get in touch with the Los Angeles Field Division. JORDAN also advised that his sister BERTIE left Long Beach about two weeks ago, and returned to their mother's home in Oklahoma.

There are being transmitted to the Cincinnati Field Division with copies of this report, thirteen mail tracings which were received as a result of the mail cover that was placed on the mail of LEN JORDAN. Some of these tracings were previously mentioned on page 4 of reference report dated 7-27-37. Since that time, tracings also have been received indicating that BERTIE JORDAN received a letter from San Diego, California; one from South ???, Oklahoma; one from Hester Jordan, R. R. 1, Box 42, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. These tracings are being forwarded, inasmuch as the Los Angeles Field Division file does not contain any handwriting specimens of MILTON LETT, and it is believed that the Cincinnati Field Division should compare LETT'S handwriting with the writing appearing on these mail tracings.

- P E N D I N G -

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

K. O. FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT Kansas City	DATE WHEN MADE 9-9-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-3/4-37	REPORT MADE BY O. A. GRILL SW
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. Addie Murrain, Carrollton, Missouri, aunt of Mrs. Milton Lett, advises she has not seen or heard from her niece for several years, and was unaware of her marriage to Lett. Furnishes new addresses for several relatives of Mrs. Lett. Oren Ferris, uncle of Mrs. Lett, believed to be presently residing in Callae, Missouri.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 8-31-37.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>At Carrollton, Missouri:</u></p> <p>Sheriff John Buzard and Missouri State Trooper C. M. Parker both advised that the photographs of Milton Lett appeared familiar, but they did not believe this party had been in Carrollton recently. Sheriff Buzard stated that Mrs. Addie Murrain, aunt of Mrs. Lett, had a very doubtful reputation in town and had been arrested by his office on several occasions for drunkenness and fighting. Trooper Parker and Sheriff Buzard advised that they would be on the watch for Lett, and would detain him on an investigation charge if found, and notify the Kansas City Field Division.</p> <p>Mrs. Addie Murrain, who lives in the rear of the Reid Sale Pavilion, advised that she has not seen her niece, Lucille Ferris, since the</p>			
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latter was attending high school, and was not aware that she had married Milton Lett, who was unknown to her. She stated that she had always been very attached to Lucille, and was sorry to hear that she had married such a person as Lett. The last she had heard of Lucille, she was living with her mother, Mrs. Constance Ferris, at Coffeyville, Kansas. Mrs. Murrain advised of the following changed addresses for relatives of Mrs. Lett, as reflected in reference report:

Andrew Ferris, grandfather, c/o Mrs. John (Hazel)
Hopper, aunt, 419 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.
Bernice Elliston, aunt, Portland, Oregon (husband Elmer)
Clarence Ferris, uncle, (wife Irma) Hale, Missouri,
c/o Mrs. T. Newman.
Vern Ferris, Portland, Oregon - with Bernice Elliston.

Mrs. Murrain promised her cooperation should she hear of the present whereabouts of either Mr. or Mrs. Lett, and she was advised how to contact the Kansas City Field Division in such event.

Mr. Lee Dixon, Postmaster, advised that he did not recognize the photographs of Milton Lett as being anyone he had ever seen before. He was given sufficient data to enable him to watch the mail being received by Mrs. Murrain, and advised that he would immediately contact the Kansas City Field Division should any mail appear from Lett or his wife.

At Chillicothe, Missouri:

It was ascertained through the Post Office that Oren Ferris, uncle of Mrs. Lett, had left a forwarding address on 9-20-36 of 59 Clay Street, Callae, Missouri.

For the information of the Portland and St. Louis Offices, the Bureau has recently advised that the apprehension of Milton Lett, with aliases: Milt Lett, J. M. Lett, J. R. Letz, J. M. Letz, Thomas J. Shaw, Carl Baker, Mary Forth, George Benton, G. R. Benton, "George", "The Kid", and Willie, is greatly desired inasmuch as it is felt that he can aid materially in the harboring cases now being investigated by the Bureau arising from this case.

It is noted that there is no process outstanding for Lett, but in the event he is located he should be detained and the Bureau immediately notified.

Milton Lett prior to the latter part of 1935 made his principal residence with his mother, Maggie Lett, at Wann, Oklahoma, at which place Harry Campbell and other Oklahoma and Kansas outlaws were harbored during the

period of their depredations in that part of the country. It is known that Lett has in the past associated extensively with underworld characters at Coffeyville, Kansas, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and Wichita, Kansas. It has been further reported that Lett was employed in a gambling establishment at Cleveland, Ohio, known as the Harvard Club from April, 1935, to September, 1935. Lett, on October 25, 1935, purchased the automobile which was used by Karpis, Campbell, and others, in a mail robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, which robbery was perpetrated on November 7, 1935. On the day of the robbery, however, Lett voluntarily surrendered himself to authorities at Coffeyville, Kansas, thus establishing a definite alibi for himself as to actual participation in that robbery.

On February 21, 1936, the Oklahoma City Office received information that Milton Lett had left the home of Constance Ferris at Coffeyville, Kansas, on that date with Lucille Ferris, the daughter of Constance, for the purpose of marrying Lucille at Wichita, Kansas. Immediate investigation at Wichita failed to disclose the marriage but it was subsequently learned that Lett had married Lucille at Oswego, Kansas, on February 21, 1936. Since her marriage, Lucille is not believed to have returned to the home of her mother nor has the investigation disclosed that she has ever contacted her father, Mr. A. V. Ferris, who has been an automobile salesman at McPherson and Wichita, Kansas, since February 21, 1936.

The following are the descriptions of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lett:

Name	Milton Lett, with aliases:
Age	21 yrs. (1935)
Height	5' 7"
Weight	145 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Blue
Color	White
Complexion	Medium
F.P.C.	9 U 00 16 1 U 00 11
Residence	Wann, Oklahoma.
Occupation	Makes pretense of being gambler

Name	Mrs. Milton Lett, nee Lucille Ferris
Age	17 yrs. (1936)
Height	5' 4"
Weight	120 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Light brown, parted in middle, with a grown-out permanent wave.

Peculiarities
Clothing

Broad nose

Usually wears a green suit with white blouse; brown overcoat with cape collar and narrow band of brown fur on cape. On left hand, little finger, wears a small silver signet ring and on ring finger same hand wears opal ring surrounded by pearls.

One copy of a photograph of Lett is being transmitted to each the St. Louis and Portland Offices.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION, at Callao, Missouri, will at 59 Clay Street, interview Mr. Oren Ferris, who is an uncle to Mrs. Milton Lett, for any information he might have as to the present location of Mr. and Mrs. Lett.

The PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION, at Portland, Oregon, will locate and interview Bernice Elliston, aunt of Mrs. Lett, and Vern Ferris, for any information they might have as to the present whereabouts of either Mr. or Mrs. Lett.

The KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION, at Hale, Missouri, will locate and interview Clarence Ferris, uncle to Mrs. Lett, in the same connection. This party can be reached through a Mrs. T. Newman of that town.

At Kansas City, Kansas, will complete the leads set forth in reference reports.

P E N D I N G

1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

MDH:WOB
7-43

September 10, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: "BREKID."

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Huntington office dated September 9, 1937, inquiring as to whether subject Amersbach will be tried in Federal Court or returned to the West Virginia State Penitentiary.

It is noted from copy of teletype dated September 4th furnished this office that Amersbach was sentenced in the Federal Court at Toledo on September 3, 1937, to serve 30 months in a Penitentiary and fined \$1,000.00. It is suggested that it be ascertained from the United States Marshal for the Northern District of Ohio in which penitentiary Amersbach is incarcerated, in order that the Huntington office may notify the officials of the West Virginia State Penitentiary, who may wish to place a detainer against Amersbach.

Very truly yours,

M. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau
Huntington
Chicago

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FBI CLEVELAND SEPT 11, 1937

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JOSEPH AMERSBACH USA CLEVELAND DIVISES INASMUCH AS AMERSBACH SENTENCED TO TWO
AND ONE-HALF YEARS AND FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND FORTY DOLLARS THIRTY-
FIVE CENTS COSTS TO STAND COMMITTED UNTIL FINE AND COSTS PAID, KEYS AND
MONEY SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED TO ANYONE UNTIL FINE AND COSTS PAID BY AMERSBACH.
USA OF OPINION THAT AFTER FINE PAID BALANCE CAN BE DELIVERED TO PROPER PERSON
OF IDENTIFICATION AND AUTHORITY

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
September 10, 1937

RE: BREKID

Warden Robert H. Rudspeth
United States Penitentiary
Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is desired that a photograph be obtained of one Bill Stephens, alias Bill Stevens. Stephens is described as being between 50 and 55 years, 6 feet 1 inch, and 190 to 200 pounds. It is believed that Stephens served a sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, some years ago for violation of the liquor laws. This sentence was the result of an arrest somewhere in the State of Arkansas. It is also requested that a list of Stephens' correspondents be furnished to this office.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

LHR:2

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Transmit the following Teletype Message to: CLEVELAND

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SAC CLEVELAND
PHONE. BREAKID. TWO KEYS FOUND POSSESSION ANTHONY JOSEPH
AMERSBACH TIME HIS ARREST WERE FOR SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX LOCAL
BANK CONTAINING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS CURRENCY WHICH CHECKED
AGAINST ALL AVAILABLE LISTS WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION. AMERSBACH
TODAY CALLED THIS OFFICE LONG DISTANCE FROM TOLEDO STATING HIS
SISTER, BEATRICE AMERSBACH, WILL ARRIVE INDIANAPOLIS NINE AM
TOMORROW WITH WRITTEN AUTHORITY SECURE THESE KEYS. CONSULT
USA AND ADVISE IF THEY MAY BE DELIVERED TO HER ON PROPER
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

506 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana
September 10, 1937

HMR:LM
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Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

On September 9, 1937 Mr. Marvin C. Worley, an attorney at Louisville, Kentucky, called the Indianapolis office by long-distance telephone and stated that he represented a partner of Anthony Joseph Amersbach in Louisville, and that they desired to start attachment proceedings against any of the assets of Amersbach which could be found. He inquired as to whether any assets had been located in Indianapolis. I told him that I would be unable to supply this information in view of the fact that it resulted from an official investigation. I did advise him that at the time of Amersbach's arrest he had an automobile in his possession which had been turned over to a friend of Amersbach at the latter's written request.

For your information, a safety deposit box has been located in Indianapolis in which Amersbach had \$5,000 in cash. The keys to this box were found in the possession of Amersbach at the time of his arrest. The money has been checked against all possible ransom and other lists without any identifications having been made. The keys to this box will be forwarded to your office in due time.

Very truly yours,

Herold M. Raincke,
Special Agent in Charge

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7-576-14745

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida
September 10, 1937

Mr. Herbert S. Phillips
United States Attorney
Tampa, Florida.

ATTENTION MR. DAMON G. YERKES
Assistant United States Attorney
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Mr. Yerkes:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al.
KIDNAPING; etc.

I am in receipt of your letter
of September 8, 1937, offering to file a libel
for the purpose of confiscating the automatic rifle
which is being held at this office.

I shall communicate with you fur-
ther in this connection within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers
Special Agent in Charge.

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MORNING FOR HOUSTON TEXAS, PURPOSE INTERVIEWING SAM STEGAL HAYNES.

ADDRESS CARE WESTERN UNION.

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September 9 1937

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US Department of Justice
600 Rector Bldg
Little Rock Ark

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-9-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-7-37	REPORT MADE BY: H. A. King
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232- FUGITIVE; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Stop notices placed for 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor number 32-322772, serial number 2619857, with Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon.			
REFERENCE: Cincinnati letter dated August 3, 1937.			
DETAILS: Appropriate stop notices have been placed for Ford V-8 Tudor 1935 Sedan, Motor number 2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor number 32-322772, serial number 2619857, with Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon. A letter has been received from the Secretary of State verifying the placing of stop notices and advising that there is no record of a present registration of either of these automobiles. REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: 7-576-14749 SEP 15 1937	
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REPORT MADE AT Louisville, Kentucky	DATE WHEN MADE 9/10/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/23, 24, 25, 28, 30/37	REPORT MADE BY A. S. REEDER ASR/mhf
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Subject Amersbach, as Jimmy Braun, purchased one-half interest in Southland Night Club, Louisville, Ky., approximately one month ago. On 8/18/37 made two phone calls from Pelican Lodge Club to Indianapolis, calling Riley 8371 and Talbot 3565. Business associate, Fred Spadie, and Thomas Meurer, County Patrolman, prior to Amersbach's apprehension accompanied him to Indianapolis, Ind., for purpose of ascertaining more of Amersbach's connections and history. Search of tourist cabins where Subject lived made with negative results. Amersbach posing as liquor salesman and advised business associates that his father was wealthy stock holder in Old Baker Whiskey Corporation and supplied him with large sums of money, of which he spent freely while in this district. Handwriting specimen obtained. Subject Amersbach apprehended at Indianapolis 8/24/37. Business associate Spadie and wife of Amersbach promise complete cooperation should services be further required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCES: Letter from the Cleveland Division to the Indianapolis Division dated August 19, 1937;</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>O. C. Henry</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-1576-14750 SEP 15 1937	
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Teletype from the Indianapolis Division to the Louisville Division dated August 23, 1937;

Teletype from the Indianapolis Division to the Louisville Division dated August 23, 1937;

Telegram from the Indianapolis Division to the Louisville Division dated August 24, 1937;

Letter from the Cleveland Division to all field divisions dated August 24, 1937.

DETAILS:

At Louisville, Kentucky.

Upon receipt of the first teletype of reference the writer proceeded to the Louisville Police Department and there contacted Detective Sergeant Cecil Ezell; an officer who is thoroughly familiar with the different night clubs and gambling establishments located in the City of Louisville, as well as those in the surrounding territory of Jefferson County. This contact was made in an endeavor to ascertain whether or not Detective Ezell was familiar with any gambling establishment located in the county south of Louisville, as quoted in the first teletype of reference dated August 23, 1937, at 12:30 P.M. An endeavor was also made to ascertain from Detective Ezell whether their auto theft squad had any information relative to the automobile used by Amersbach as quoted in this teletype.

When the license number of this car was mentioned, Detective Ezell informed the writer that he too was endeavoring to locate and apprehend the driver of this car for questioning, inasmuch he had been confidentially informed by a madam of a house of prostitution, whose name is Mary Richardson, that the driver of this car had frequently appeared at her house, and inasmuch as he always carried a large roll of money his activities, in her opinion, would bear investigation, as he was not working. She advised that she had endeavored to talk to this stranger as to where he obtained his money, but that he would never definitely tell her his source of income; further that whenever he would appear at her place he would gather up all the moochers, pimps, and panders and buy them drinks, often spending as much as twenty-five to thirty dollars a night in her establishment; and that he was "well-heeled", and she, Mary Richardson, believed that this man was not obtaining his money by any

legitimate practice.

The description Detective Ezell obtained from Mary Richardson is identical with Subject's description, and she had also in her attempt to cooperate with Detective Ezell taken down the license number and description of the Pontiac automobile driven by Subject.

Late on the night of August 23, 1937, the writer, accompanied by Detective Ezell, questioned Mary Richardson and compared a description she gave with that furnished in reference teletype, it appearing that she had direct reference to Subject Amersbach.

Mary Richardson stated that Subject appeared at her home first in company with one Maynard "Frogie" Morgan, a notorious "joint" owner of this city, who formerly ran a beer saloon at the intersection of Seventh and Cedar Streets but which had recently been closed by the police because of a murder which had occurred in this place, and that Morgan subsequent to the murder harbored the alleged murderer, but due to political connections they were unable to prove anything of value against him. She continued that she knew that Morgan had an interest in a gambling establishment located on the outskirts of Louisville, Kentucky, near Bullitt County, which is the next county adjoining Louisville on the south, but that she was unable during the time of this interview to name this gambling establishment. However, she advised the writer that within two or three hours she could locate someone at the Seventh Street district who would be able to give her the name of this place; that she could obtain same from some of the loafers who hung around Morgan's old place, which has now reopened under a different management.

In accordance therewith Mary Richardson later contacted the writer and Detective Ezell at the Louisville Police Department and advised that the name of this gambling establishment owned by Morgan was known as the Pelican Lodge, which is located at the intersection of Preston Street and Valley Lane Road. The telephone number was later ascertained to be Magnolia 9565. Mary Richardson also advised that it was her knowledge that Amersbach also had another set of license plates which she believed were from the State of Tennessee, having observed these on the car on one particular occasion, but does not remember the full details of same, stating that she did notice, however, that there was a different set of license plates from the Indiana tags which she later copied down as the correct license number.

It was also ascertained from Detective Ezell that the Beech Grove Tourist

Cabins were located approximately one and one-half miles beyond West Point, Kentucky, in Herdin County south of Louisville, and that the Dixie Tourist Camp was located approximately five miles beyond St. Helens, Kentucky, a suburb of Louisville.

Detective Ezell and the writer then proceeded to the Pelican Lodge late on the night of August 23, 1937, and maintained a surveillance over the automobiles around this place with negative results, there being a small crowd there, and an inside surveillance revealed that there was no roulette wheel, but that poker and dice were played in the back of this place, it being a typical roadhouse equipped with dance floor, cafe, and saloon. Inasmuch as it was believed that Agent had the correct location of one of Amersbach's close associates, no outward investigation was made at this place. Detective Ezell advised that he would maintain an all night surveillance of this Pelican Lodge and did so until approximately 2:00 A.M., August 24, 1937, when the place was closed and all occupants left.

On August 24, 1937, this division received a telegram from the Indianapolis Division advising that Subject had been apprehended that morning at Indianapolis, Indiana.

At the Southern Bell Telephone Company Agent, accompanied by Special Agent in Charge O. C. Dewey, interviewed Mr. J. Hunter Green, district manager, who checked the telephone calls from the Pelican Lodge Club and advised that on August 18, 1937, at 11:35 P.M. a long distance call was placed from this club to Indianapolis, the call being made to Talbot 3565, and that at 11:37 P.M. another long distance telephone call was made from the same place to Indianapolis to Riley 8371. It should be noted that the Talbot exchange number was a number quoted in reference teletype from Indianapolis; therefore it was apparent and proved conclusively that Amersbach had some connection with the Pelican Lodge. This information was later telephoned to Special Agent in Charge H. H. Reinecke at the Indianapolis Division for investigation at that point.

Late on the afternoon of August 25, 1937, Mr. Thomas Meurer, County Patrolman, accompanied by Mr. Fred Spadie and John Mevin, appeared at this division and advised the writer that they had on that date received an Indianapolis paper which exhibited the photograph of Subject Amersbach in custody of the U. S. Marshal in that city, Mr. Spadie advising that he was the business associate of Amersbach here in Louisville and related that approximately one month ago, while he and John Mevin were operating the Southland Night Club at Seventh and Arcade Avenue, Amersbach

came into their establishment and advised that he was a whiskey salesman for the Old Baker Whiskey Corporation, and that he was soliciting their business. When advised that they had already purchased their stock of whiskey through other wholesalers Subject appeared very friendly and pulled out a large wad of money and invited all the hangers-on and loafers to step to the bar and have a drink. During the course of the drinking Amersbach advised that he would like to do a little gambling, and inasmuch as Spadie and Mevin had observed this large roll of money on him they decided that they would start a gambling game and endeavor to make some "easy money", but this was not done, and Subject left after spending approximately two hours in their place.

Approximately three days later Amersbach returned to the Southland Night Club, at which time Spadie was absent and only John Mevin present. Mr. Mevin at this time advised that upon Amersbach's approach he had contemplated selling his half interest in this club, due to the fact that he needed some ready money, and that profits were not coming in fast enough to meet his needs; that he "had a dejected look on his face when Amersbach came in and was looking downhearted and blue". When questioned by Amersbach as to why he was feeling that way Amersbach was told the reason, whereupon he propositioned Mevin to sell his half of the club to him. Upon being offered \$200.00 for his half interest and further Amersbach to assume half of the outstanding bills, Mevin agreed to sell his half interest to Amersbach, subject, of course, to the approval of Mr. Spadie.

Upon Mr. Spadie's return Amersbach and Mevin confronted him with their proposition, at which Spadie demanded that he know more about Amersbach before he took him into his business venture, at which time Amersbach informed him that his name was Jimmy Braun, commonly known as Jimmy, and that he was staying at the Dixie Tourist Camp operated by Mr. Graham on the Dixie Highway; that his father was a large stock holder in the Old Baker Whiskey Corporation and furnished him with sufficient funds in order to travel about the country; that he worked part time for the corporation, he himself owning a part of the stock controlled by his father.

Mr. Spadie continued that he checked up at the tourist camp and found out that Amersbach had stayed there for some time, and Mr. Graham advised him that Amersbach had always conducted himself in a businesslike manner, and that he had been accompanied there by his wife and other than a few family quarrels both Mr. and Mrs. Amersbach had conducted themselves in orderly fashion.

Mr. Spadie advised that at that time he was still undecided as to whether

or not to allow this partnership and looked up Mr. Meuer, the county patrolman, and asked him for advice on the deal and requested Meuer to check into Amersbach's reputation, but that Meuer failed to do so. This deal was left pending for another two days and finally at Mevin's insistence Spadie consented to go through with the deal and at that time insisted that a proper Bill of Sale and other papers be drawn up releasing Mevin from obligations and setting out Amersbach's consent to assume same; that he had never been able to get Amersbach to fill out the necessary papers and now states that he can readily see why same was not done. He advised that he has never felt entirely trustful of Amersbach and on one occasion caught him introducing himself to a stranger as "Jack Gordon", at which time he confronted Amersbach with this alias, Amersbach jokingly laughing it off, stating that he was merely telling this stranger a fictitious name. Spadie advised that this was not good business and flatly asked him if he was "hot" any place or was mixed up in any trouble, stating that he did not want to become involved with anyone who was wanted for any law violation. He advised Amersbach that he and his wife bore excellent reputations in their community and had tried to run decent and orderly places and therefore if he, Braun, was in any way involved in law violations he, Spadie, would buy him out.

In response to Spadie's questions Amersbach stated that he was not wanted by anyone, nor had he ever been involved in any violation of any law and again reiterated that his father was a wealthy man living in Indianapolis, and that he would be only too glad to take Spadie to Indianapolis and introduce him to his various friends in order to prove his statements; that approximately one week ago from the date of this interview, while Amersbach and Spadie were both working in the club, Amersbach approached Spadie and asked him to accompany him to Indianapolis, as he wanted to see some people up there, claiming to have a half interest in a place known to Spadie as Sandy's Place.

Mr. Spadie continued that he believed this was an excellent opportunity to find out more about his partner and asked Mr. Meuer, the county patrolman, to accompany them to Indianapolis, at which time they might find out something of the real background of Amersbach, and accordingly these three men left Louisville, Kentucky, at approximately 2:00 A.M. the first Monday night in August, estimating it to be about August 9, arriving in Indianapolis early in the morning; that the first place they visited was a barber shop, whose address he is unable to recall. From there Amersbach took them to the Nip and Sip Beer Joint and then took them to a place known only as "Sandy's Place", at which time Sandy and Amersbach held a ten minute conversation privately and confidentially. From there they went to the Washington Hotel and had something to eat at the grill.

At this place the bar tender, who is described as a Dago, seemed to be very familiar with Amersbach and knew him quite well.

From this place they then went to the residential district and rode by a large mansion which appeared to be unoccupied. Upon reaching this point Amersbach advised, "There's no use stopping in to see my father. The folks must be gone up to the lakes." As a consequence they did not stop there.

From here they went to the Rathskeller, where Amersbach met a tall, slender, dark haired girl estimated to be about nineteen or twenty years of age; that he and this girl held a lengthy conversation privately, and then all left after this conversation and went back to Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Spadie's story has been verified by both Mr. Meuer and Mr. Mevin, and it should be here stated that Mr. Spadie bears an excellent reputation as a tavern owner by the Louisville Police Department and Jefferson County Highway Patrol; that he was formerly connected with the laundry business in Louisville and has never been arrested, nor was he ever known to associate with known criminals in this district.

Mr. Spadie has endeavored to cooperate to the fullest extent with Agents and has emphatically insisted that he knew there was something about Amersbach which did not strike him as being true and emphatically denies that he ever knew Amersbach was wanted by the police or Agents of this Bureau.

Accompanied by Mr. Spadie, the writer called at the Dixie Tourist Camp, located approximately three miles south on the Seventh Street Highway, and there interviewed Mr. J. H. Graham, owner, who advised that on the afternoon of August 23, 1937, Mrs. Amersbach had been to the cabins, staying there all day, and that he had received a telephone call from Mr. Amersbach requesting that he call Mrs. Amersbach to the phone, at which time he did so, and she had some conversation with him and immediately hurried out to the cabins, packed their grips, called a taxi-cab, and left in somewhat of a hurry; that he had never seen them since.

Mr. Graham continued that Amersbach has been a customer of his for approximately two months and not until he had invested in the Southland Night Club had he been a steady customer of the camp, stating that at the time Amersbach advised him that he and his wife were going to move into the camp, which was close to his business venture, and that he promptly paid his bills and at no time did he ever appear to be anything but an honest citizen. He also stated that he never noticed their having

any visitors or callers, but that Mrs. Amersbach was very friendly with both him and his wife, and their stay at the camp in no way aroused his suspicions as to their possible true identity.

A search was made of Cabin #9, which had been occupied by the Amersbachs, with negative results. The only articles left at this tourist cabin by the Amersbachs were a few cosmetics belonging to Mrs. Amersbach.

It is also to be noted that all persons interviewed in connection with this investigation have expressed great astonishment that Amersbach had formerly carried a gun, stating that while he was in this district he seldom wore a coat, usually being dressed in flannel trousers and white shirt, and that they never at any time had observed him carrying a pistol.

At the Beech Grove Tourist Camp the writer interviewed Mr. I. J. Carlyle, who confirmed information as given by the Hanson woman, stating that "Jimmy", as he was commonly known in this district, stayed with him prior to the time he moved to the Dixie Tourist Camp, and that Jimmy had offered to buy out his place of business and upon being refused offered to enter into a partnership with Mr. Carlyle, which also was refused.

Mr. Carlyle also expressed great surprise at the fact that Subject Amersbach was a fugitive, stating that he always appeared to be very friendly and there was nothing about his actions which would arouse the suspicions of anyone.

Photographs of Maynard Morgan have been obtained from the Louisville Police Department and are being retained in the Louisville file on this case.

In view of the apprehension of Subject Amersbach, as quoted in reference telegram, and no further investigation being required in this district, this case is being

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION
TO THE DIVISION OF ORIGIN.

Letters and packages sent to inmates must contain full name and register number.

MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Prisoners must strictly comply with the following: They may write not to exceed two letters each week. They are not allowed to receive packages of any kind. Newspapers and other reading matter must be received direct from the publishers, or their agents. The reward of good conduct is early release; prisoners should be encouraged to be good. All outgoing letters must be written on stationery and must not exceed one sheet of paper, and on one side of paper only. DO NOT SEND MONEY IN ANY OTHER FORM THAN BY POSTOFFICE OR EXPRESS MONEY ORDER, AND MADE PAYABLE TO SECRETARY, Missouri State Prison.

Name Mrs. Edna Murray.
Relationship _____
Box 900. Register No. 28973 No. _____ letter this week
Street Number _____
City _____ State _____ Hall _____ Jefferson City, Mo. _____ 103

Jefferson City, Missouri.
September 12th, 1937.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You will recall that I was a witness in the Bremer-Hamm Kidnaping Case in St. Paul, Minn., also that I broke the Hamm Case to Federal Agents, Daniel P. Sullivan and John Madella. I further appeared as a witness in the Federal Grand Jury Investigation of Karpis Harboring Case in Toledo, Ohio.

Just recently I accompanied Col. Marvin B. Casteel, Supt. of Missouri Highway Patrol to Kansas City, Missouri, there we met Agent A. E. Farland, Department of Justice, who accompanied us out to locate a hideout, used by the Barker Karpis Gang after the Fairberry, Nebraska Bank Robbery, where Earl Christinson was shot and later died. I also tried to locate his grave where he was disposed of by the gang.

Now that I am in such poor health, I am building up my file to present to the Parole Board desirous of securing a release so that I might get the proper medical care.

I have been truthful and tried to aid the U.S. Gov. in every possible way in cleaning out this gang. Will you please write a letter to the Pardon and Parole Board of Missouri, in my behalf stating of what service I have been to the Government. Mail said letter to Warden J. M. Sanders, Jefferson City, Missouri, who will present your letter to the Board.

I feel certain your letter will aid much in securing my release, thanking you and trusting I have not taken too much liberty in asking this favor of you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Edna Murray
Mrs. Edna Murray.

Letter Kansas City

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7-576-14751

October 5, 1937.

RECORDED

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri,

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There are being submitted, herewith, copies of a letter dated September 12, 1937, forwarded to the Bureau by Mrs. Edna Murray, an inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, in which she requests that a letter in her behalf be written to Warden J. M. Sanders in connection with a contemplated request for parole.

The Bureau desires that when an Agent is next in Jefferson City he call upon Edna Murray and advise her that Departmental regulations preclude the writing of such a letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hottel
Mr. Lester
Mr. McInnes
Mr. Neughton
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Enclosure

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P. M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Handwritten initials and signature

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

P. O. Box 2344,
Boston, Massachusetts.

September 13, 1937.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your attention is respectfully invited to your letter dated July 30, 1936 addressed to this office, re "ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, - Kidnaping" wherein reference is made to the receipt by the Bureau of an anonymous communication dated July 29, 1936 containing certain information with regard to WILLIAM ELMER MEAD and other confidence men and reporting the receipt of a similar anonymous communication dated Boston, Massachusetts July 13, 1936 containing further information concerning confidence men and referring in particular to the alleged complicity of certain members of the Boston Police Department, including JAMES R. CLAFLIN, WILLIAM J. BONNER, JOSEPH F. DECKER and ARTHUR M. TIERNAN.

A report submitted by Special Agent R. F. Gleason of this office, dated June 25, 1937, in the same case, presently entitled "GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 10232 et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act" set out an undeveloped lead to be covered by the Boston Division directing a contact with a confidential informant, as advised in your letter of July 30, 1936. That undeveloped lead is not being covered in the form of a report, in view of the fact that Mead has since been apprehended and as the subject matter does not appear to be pertinent to the "Brekid" matter, it is being covered by this letter to you.

As to the officials referred to in the anonymous communication dated July 13, 1936, it is desired to advise that they are:

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Mr. James R. Claflin, 82 Moss Hill Road, Jamaica Plain district of Boston who is Deputy Superintendent in charge of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation of the Boston Police Department;

Mr. Arthur M. Tiernan, 42 Leamington Road, Brighton district of Boston who is a Sergeant Detective attached to

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the same Bureau of Criminal Identification;

Mr. Joseph F. Decker, 6 St. Andrew's Road, East Boston, Mass. who is presently a patrolman assigned to Division 2 of the Boston Police Department, formerly in charge of the Hotel Squad of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation of the Boston Police Department;

Mr. William J. Bonner, 284 Bellevue Street, West Roxbury district of Boston, a detective with the rank of patrolman attached to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Boston Police Department, and partner of Sergeant Tiernan.

In 1936 Deputy Superintendent Claflin was in charge of the Bureau of Records of the Boston Police Department but is now in charge of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Claflin has held numerous offices in the Boston Police Department and within the past two years there have been very many changes in that department.

No information has come to the attention of the Agents attached to this Division indicating that Mr. Claflin has been involved with any of these confidence men. Because of the supervisory positions held by Mr. Claflin for some years, contacts with him by Agents of this office have been more or less superficial.

As to Mr. Joseph F. Decker who was a detective of the B. C. I. in charge of the "Hotel Squad", he was transferred from the B. C. I. to Precinct 2, as a patrolman about six months ago, and the report is that this transfer was due to his alleged support of the Republican gubernatorial candidate Haigis in the last Fall's State election. Report also has it that the hotel group sought to have him reinstated and information from that source is that they still hope that his transfer back to the Hotel Squad will be placed in the near future. Mr. Decker has appeared at this office at different times and so far as can be ascertained, has always been co-operative and honest.

As previously stated, Sergeant ARTHUR M. TIERNAN and Detective WILLIAM J. BONNER work together on assignments and apparently handle a variety of the more important police cases. They appear to have rather wide authority and very frequently appear in cases in other cities without jurisdiction of the Boston Police Department, which has at times caused comment on the part of other

police departments as to their interest in such matters. They also, and particularly Sergeant Tiernan, appear prominently in newspaper articles concerning the larger and more important police cases. It is understood that in many of the cases which they have handled, Attorney Herbert F. Callahan, 43 Tremont Street, Boston, appears as counsel for the defendants. This may be only a coincidence, of course, because Attorney Callahan represents a large number of the more notorious criminals. He is the same attorney referred to in letter from this office to the Jacksonville Division under date of August 6, 1935 in the "Breke" matter, at which time it will be recalled, he represented William Elmer Mead.

Tiernan, it is claimed, has the largest number of informants of any detective in the local department. So far as this office is concerned, it is stated that we have no knowledge of dishonesty on the part of either of these two men but it is understood that they are not particularly co-operative and seek personal publicity, in view of which Agents avoid them whenever possible in cases.

In the event that anything further concerning this situation comes to the attention of the writer, it will be communicated to you.

Sincerely,

E. A. Sweeney
E. A. Sweeney,
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Hottel	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. McIntire	✓
Mr. Neagater	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

September 14, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Edward J. Bremer

This will confirm my telephone conversation with you on this date concerning a conference which I had this morning with United States Attorney E. B. Freed at Cleveland, Ohio, relative to collecting the \$1,000 fine and court costs amounting to \$40.35 imposed upon Tony Amersbach in federal court at Toledo, Ohio, from the \$5,000 belonging to this subject and found in a safety deposit box of the Merchants National Bank in Indianapolis.

Mr. Freed instructed Assistant U. S. Attorney G. P. Openlander at Toledo, Ohio, to prepare the necessary papers in order to levy an attachment against this \$5,000 in order that the fine and court costs could be satisfied. I have since communicated with Mr. Openlander, who informed that these papers would be forwarded on this date to the United States Attorney at Indianapolis, Indiana.

An agent from this office will interview subject Amersbach on September 14, 1937, and secure a written order from him authorizing this Bureau to turn over the keys to the safety deposit box #1838, which were taken from him, to the United States Marshal or such other individual as he desires to have them.

Very truly yours,

T. H. Stapleton,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Bureau
Cincinnati
Chicago

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7-576-14754

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

September 15, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Huntington, West Virginia.

Re: BREKID

Edward G. Bremer

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Cincinnati Office dated September 10, 1937, in which it is requested that information be secured as to the penitentiary in which Anthony Amersbach will be incarcerated.

Please be advised that Amersbach will serve his sentence at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. He has not been taken to the penitentiary as yet to start serving his sentence, but will be taken there in the near future.

Very truly yours,

T. N. STAPLETON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Bureau
Cincinnati

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914 Johnston Building
Charlotte, North Carolina

September 15, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Edward G. Bremer

Reference is made to your letter to the Chicago Division of August 5, 1937, copies of which were sent to all Divisions, requesting that a re-check be made of all Bureau of Motor Vehicles to ascertain whether a 1935 Ford V-8 two-door Sedan, Motor number 2044337, and a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor number PJ 322772, serial number 2619857 are registered at the present time, and that if no registration is found, appropriate stop notices be placed against these cars.

Pursuant to the above, the Motor Vehicle Bureaus of the States of North and South Carolina have been contacted and they have advised that neither of these cars is registered, and that stop notices are being maintained.

In view of the fact that no further investigation remains to be performed in this district, this case is being considered referred upon completion. It is requested that if these cars are located or their location is no longer desired, this office be advised in order that stop notices may be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau of Motor Vehicles
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REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE 9-10-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/19-28, 30, 31 9/1/37	REPORT MADE BY FRANCIS X. JAHN VLD
TITLE CHANGED: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; ANTHONY JOSEPH AMERSBACH, with aliases; Anthony Joseph Amersbach, Tony Amersbach, George Young, Ted Gordon, Joseph Braun, James Joseph Braun, "Fred", Jack Gordon, "Jimmie", James Burns, Anthony Amersbach, Tony Amersbach, Tony Amersbach, Anthony J. Amersbach, John Brennan, Tony Feder, FUGITIVE, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>By checking Indiana State automobile registration records Amersbach was identified as one Joseph Braun who purchased 1931 Oldsmobile coach in Indianapolis 5-12-37, bearing 1937 Indiana tags 58-119. On 6-17-37 Braun purchased 1935 Pontiac coach and transferred tags to this car. The Oldsmobile was sold 8-2-37 in Indianapolis. Persons having dealings with Amersbach in connection with his cars furnished information he had been seen at various taverns and beer joints in Indianapolis. At Sandy's Restaurant and Bar Amersbach was found to be infatuated with waitress Lona Rasnake. He was apprehended by Bureau agents late on the evening of 8-23-37 when he came to Sandy's to see Lona. On 8-24-37 fugitive warrant was issued and Amersbach arraigned before Commissioner. He waived hearing and was jailed in default of \$20,000 bond. Amersbach when arrested had keys to safe deposit box in Merchants National Bank, Indianapolis, in which was found \$5,000 cash. This money checked against Bremer, Robinson and Weyerhaeuser ransom lists with negative results. His wife, Margaret Braun, was located and interviewed at Indianapolis but she denied all knowledge of his criminal activities. On 9-1-37 Amersbach was removed to Toledo, Ohio, by U.S. Marshal, Indianapolis. Disposition of Marshal's arrest furnished Bureau. Stop notices previously</p>			
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placed against 1935 Ford coach, motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ-322772 still in effect in Indiana.

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Reference:

Letter from Cincinnati to Chicago with copies to all offices, dated 8-5-37; teletype message from Cleveland to Indianapolis, dated 8-19-37; letter from Cleveland to Indianapolis, 8-19-37.

Details:

The title of this case is marked "changed" and all names and aliases of Amersbach known to this office as contained in the letter of reference from the Cleveland office, names used by Amersbach in Indianapolis and names contained in his criminal record furnished by the Bureau under FBI 84230, are set out.

The teletype and letter of reference from the Cleveland office dated August 19, 1937, furnished information that Amersbach, on or about May 10, 1937, purchased about a 1929 model black Oldsmobile or Studebaker coach with Indiana license tags ending "-119".

At the offices of the Indiana State Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State House, Indianapolis, the writer first checked all drivers' licenses for the known names and aliases of Amersbach with negative results. It was then ascertained, starting with May 8, 1937, a few days before Amersbach was supposed to have purchased the car in question, the Bureau was issuing tags starting 57-752. The next tag ending in 119, namely 58-119, was checked and found to be in the name of a Joseph Braun and to have been issued on May 12, 1937, on which date Braun had purchased a car from the Gregory & Henry Motor Company, 3327 North Illinois Street, a 1931 Oldsmobile coach, motor #F-268928, serial #K-59221. The title file with respect to this car was then inspected and it was found that this car was sold on August 2, 1937, to Joseph Wilhelm, 52 South 7th Street, Beech Grove, Indiana. A \$100 lien remained due to Joseph Braun on this transaction and the instructions on the title were to the effect that the title was to be mailed to Joseph Braun at 1707 South Emerson Avenue.

With respect to tags 58-119, it was further determined that these tags were transferred on June 17, 1937, to a 1935 Pontiac coach, motor #640856, purchased from a Sherrill L. Watson, whose address was listed as 347 Trenton Avenue, Indianapolis. Braun's address in the title file referring to the Pontiac appeared to be 3160 North Illinois Street. The drivers' licenses were checked again for the name Joseph Braun and it was found that on May 13, 1937, an application was

filled out by Joseph Braun, which application described Amersbach perfectly.

The writer, accompanied by Special Agent J. J. Meehan, contacted mail carrier Horace Baker, #148, while he was serving his route in the vicinity of 3160 North Illinois Street, and he stated that the name Joseph Braun sounded familiar to him and he believed he had delivered some mail in that name to 3160 North Illinois. Baker offered to make inquiries to determine whether this person was presently residing at 3160 North Illinois but he was cautioned to do nothing at the present time, and that if his assistance were needed in the future he would be contacted again. The address itself was listed in the name of a family known as Ryon, Mr. Ryon's occupation being given as salesman.

The Arlington sub-station of the Post Office Department, which covers the address 1707 South Emerson Avenue, was next contacted and F. L. Smith, rural carrier, checked his records and advised the following persons resided there: Joseph L. Heitz, Kenneth Lake, James and Irene Redman. The carrier was of the opinion that he had that morning delivered a letter for a J. Braun. A discreet surveillance was made of 1707 South Emerson Avenue by agents and cars parked in the vicinity were subsequently checked with negative results.

The writer then returned to the 32nd Street station of the Post Office Department, which covers the address 3160 North Illinois Street, to determine if Joseph Braun had furnished a change of address to the Post Office, and at that time the mail carrier Baker advised that he had taken it upon himself to call at 3160 North Illinois Street. He talked with Mrs. Ryon and told her he had a registered letter for Joseph Braun. Mrs. Ryon told him that she was not acquainted with any such person nor had anyone by that name stayed there at any time.

At the Gregory & Henry Motor Company where the Oldsmobile was purchased, agent talked with Mr. H. W. Gregory and inspected his records. It was found that Joseph Braun appeared at this place on May 12, 1937, made a \$10 deposit on the Oldsmobile in question, which car was delivered to Braun on May 13, 1937, after the payment of an additional \$133.50 in cash. The salesman who took care of Braun, E. G. Henry, advised that Braun had come to the sales lot by himself in the morning and looked over the cars on the lot. Braun had no other car in evidence at the time he made this visit. Henry furnished a description of Braun which tallied closely with that of Amersbach. Amersbach's photograph furnished by the Cleveland office, was shown to both Henry and Gregory and they stated that it bore a close resemblance to the customer known to them as Braun. Mr. Gregory added that sometime later following the sale of the Oldsmobile, Braun had returned to the lot driving a Pontiac coach, at which time he wanted the company to buy back the Oldsmobile he had purchased, saying he had been able to make a good deal on the Pontiac and was willing to resell the Oldsmobile at a sacrifice. Braun was accompanied on this occasion by a woman who seemed to be about 35 or 40 years old, weighing 145 pounds, medium build, blonde hair, height not noted.

By inspection of the local city directory it was determined that Sherrill L. Watson, the individual who sold Braun the Pontiac, was listed as an insurance salesman, while Joseph Wilhelm, the purchaser of the Oldsmobile was merely listed "furnished rooms". The writer decided to contact Mr. Watson, who was located at his home, 547 East 19th Street. He stated that he and his brother, Howard, who was present at the time of the interview, have been managing an orchestra in Indianapolis for the past five years, and that during the latter part of May, 1937, he and his brother decided to go into business. They opened a road house tavern known as "The Cars" located on the corner of Southeastern Avenue and Emerson, Indianapolis. The tavern was to be on the order of a dine and dance place and Sherrill and his brother went into partnership with three other persons, a Mrs. Morton, a Mr. DeHart and a Mr. Brett. Sherrill and Howard were to furnish the music and the others were to furnish the food. About a week after the Cars opened a stranger, later known as Joseph Braun, came in one Sunday morning, after he had been next door to one Sam Johnson's place, which Sherrill Watson described as a "cat house". It seems that Braun went to Johnson's to drink and afterwards wanted something to eat and was directed to the Cars. He bought a chicken dinner which he seemed to enjoy very much and thereafter came almost every evening for such a dinner for about a week. The following week Braun started to come in more often and had his breakfast also at the Cars. He always had a large roll of bills in \$100 and \$50 denominations and made himself generally liked by all who came in contact with him. His address was never known to anyone at the Cars, according to Sherrill, although he did say on occasion that he had a permanent residence at a tourist camp located in the southeastern part of Indianapolis, and he stated on other occasions that he was staying at the Marott Hotel in Indianapolis and the Washington Hotel.

With respect to his identity, the stranger always said "Just call me Fred". He was known to visit also a tavern known as Sandy's, located at 22nd and Meridian in Indianapolis. He said too, that his father owned a distillery in Kentucky. On one occasion after Fred had been coming to the Cars for several weeks he asked Sherrill if he wanted to sell his Pontiac car which was parked out in front. Sherrill told him he did not think so and nothing more was said until about a week later when Fred asked Sherrill if he had thought any more about selling his car. At that time Sherrill said in an off-hand manner that he would take \$550.00 for the car. Fred offered \$500.00. Sherrill told Fred that he would talk it over with his wife and let him know if he would sell. In explanation of his desire to purchase the Pontiac, Fred remarked that he had a new 1937 Buick but that he had loaned it to a friend who took it to Chicago. He wanted a car better than the Oldsmobile coach he was driving and did not want to invest too much money in another car. After talking the matter over with his wife, Sherrill decided to sell the Pontiac to Fred and the final sale price was \$510.00. Sherrill demanded his money first, which was given him in five \$100 bills and one \$10 bill.

Sherrill stated that he took this money to the Washington and Noble Street branch of the Fletcher American Bank to make certain that it was alright, and being advised that it was, he thereafter turned over to Fred the title to the Pontiac. It was only then that Sherrill learned his name was Joseph Braun.

With respect to Braun's money, Sherrill said that while he always seemed to have plenty, he believed he went to a bank when he wanted more. He did not know the location of this bank, however, but believed his partner, Brett, would know more about this. On the whole Sherrill believed Brett would be able to furnish more information concerning Braun because Braun had been talking with Brett about buying some slot machines and having Brett run them. Brett was familiar with this racket as he had a number of marble games of his own in and around Indianapolis. Sherrill further stated that one night Braun left \$1,000 in cash with Brett and a key with the other partner, DeHart, for safe keeping while he, Braun, went on a bender. Sherrill stated he had never seen Braun with a gun either in his car or on his person. Sherrill advised that the Cars had not been a profitable venture and was closed about a month and a half ago, and that Braun was last seen three or four weeks ago, about the last of July, at which time he said he had been in Louisville. Braun had a girl with him at the time.

On the occasion of his last contact with Braun, the latter had called Sherrill at his home from the Eastgate Hotel in Indianapolis saying, "This is Fred. Come on down and have some drinks with me". When Sherrill arrived at the Eastgate Hotel he had some drinks with Braun and Braun asked to be directed to Brett's home. Sherrill, driving his own car which he had purchased since the sale of his Pontiac to Braun, drove past Brett's house with Braun following in the Pontiac. Sherrill did not stop but went on and that is the last time he had any contact with Braun.

It was determined that Brett lived in the second house from the corner on the east side of Carrollton Avenue, close to the corner of 22nd Street. The photograph of Amersbach as furnished by the Cleveland office was exhibited to Sherrill Watson and his brother, Howard, both of whom stated that they were positive it was identical with the person they knew as Joseph Braun. Howard was unable to furnish any information other than that furnished by Sherrill. A full description of Braun was secured from the Watsons which is not being set out because of a better description later being secured which will be set out in this report. A full description of the Pontiac sold to Braun was likewise obtained which is not set out.

By further questioning it was determined that Braun was also known to have visited a place near Indianapolis known as the Plantation; that he had talked about buying some life insurance and that he had said something about buying a gambling joint near Louisville. No definite information could be obtained from the Watsons, however, as to the possible location of the gambling house.

After leaving the Watsons, inquiries were made at the Washington Hotel through Mr. C. E. Ehler, the manager. Nothing was found to indicate that Amersbach, under his true name or any of his aliases had stayed at that place, nor was his photograph familiar to employees.

At the Eastgate Hotel in the absence of the manager, desk clerk C. W. Walters was contacted and he likewise could find no indication that Amersbach had stayed at that place. It was determined that the bar attached to the Eastgate Hotel is known as the Rathskeller and is leased by a Francis Lucid. The Rathskeller itself is located around the corner from the Eastgate Hotel at 14 South New Jersey Street.

Francis Lucid was contacted and he was shown Amersbach's photograph. He stated that the likeness was that of a person known to him as Jack Gordon. He stated that Gordon was first seen by him about the last of March or the first of April, 1937, at which time he came to the Eastgate bar accompanied by Jack Brett. The next time Gordon came by himself and called Brett by telephone to join him. On another occasion Gordon came by himself and invited Lucid to ride out to Sandy's Tavern for some drinks, which invitation Lucid accepted. On another occasion Gordon visited the Eastgate bar with a girl introduced as Edith; he once visited the bar with a girl described as between 28 and 30 years of age, blonde, 5'6", 135 pounds. On the sixth and last occasion Jack Gordon had been seen by Lucid about the latter part of July, at which time he came to the bar with three men, one of whom was introduced as "the county sheriff of Louisville" or the chief of police of the county. This individual was said to be "the guy who can fix it for me to put in slot machines". A second man of the three accompanying Gordon was introduced as a fellow from whom Gordon had recently purchased a half interest in a gambling place located somewhere near Louisville. Lucid at that time was given a book of matches bearing the name of this gambling place, but he had since used the matches and thrown the book away. The only other information Lucid could furnish was that Gordon had stated his father owned the Old Baker distilleries.

The writer next went to the address furnished by Sherrill Watson for Jack Brett, which was found to be 2253 Carrollton Avenue. Mrs. Ethel Morton was at this address and she stated that Jack Brett and Leon DeHart were out but that they were expected back in a few hours. She was advised that agent would return later and that she should have Brett and DeHart wait at the house.

Agent then went to Sandy's Restaurant and Tavern located at 2206 North Meridian, and from an employee learned that the owners, Mr. F. S. Myers and his wife, Lucille, were away at the time, and it was not known when they would return. It was determined, however, that they might possibly be located at a place known as "Woodland Orchards" located on R.R.#16, Marion County, Indiana.

At the Woodland Orchards the writer located Mr. F. S. Myers, popularly known as "Sandy". He was shown Amersbach's photograph and readily identified it as an individual known to him as "Jimmie". He stated that over a period of the last several months Jimmie had been in his place almost every night. However, he would on occasion apparently leave Indianapolis and would be gone four or five days. About this time Sandy's wife, Mrs. Lucille Myers, made her appearance and took part in the interview. Both Mr. and Mrs. Myers stated that Jimmie was last seen about three weeks ago but that since that time he had telephoned the tavern a number of times. They were able to furnish the definite dates and times of the last two telephone calls made by Jimmie - on August 18, 1937, Jimmie had telephoned about 11:00 P.M. saying he was calling from Louisville, and about 1:00 A.M. on August 21, 1937, he had called saying he was in Louisville. These calls were made to telephone number TAlbot 3565 at Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Myers advised that these calls were made to a waitress employed by them named Lona Rasnake. They stated that Jimmie and Lona seemed to be infatuated with each other and that it was their opinion that Jimmie had frequented their place only to be near Lona.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers advised that Lona had been employed by them for about a year and was a very nice girl. It was determined that Lona worked at the tavern between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 1:00 A.M., during which time Jimmie visited her. Her employers were unable to furnish Lona's exact address but agent was advised that Lona lived on the northeast corner of 32nd and Northwestern, in an apartment above a meat shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers had also heard Jimmie say he had recently purchased a gambling place near Louisville and when Jimmie was seen last he was accompanied by three men whom he described as "the boys". The Myers said that these three men looked like burglars, but they were unable to furnish any descriptions, although they did believe that one was said to be the sheriff of some county. Jimmie had also said that his Dad owned the Old Baker distillery in Kentucky.

Mrs. Myers was also shown Amersbach's photograph and she positively identified it as the person known to her as Jimmie. The Myers were interviewed about 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and they were left with the impression that agent might interview Lona for further information concerning Jimmie and if she was late for work that evening they were to make nothing of the incident. They were cautioned against telling her or anyone else of agent's visit as was everyone else contacted during this investigation.

In connection with the investigation conducted thus far, a teletype message was sent to the Cleveland and Louisville offices giving the gist of the information developed. After the interview with Mr. and Mrs. Myers a second teletype was sent requesting the Louisville office to check the telephone calls made to Sandy's Restaurant from Louisville by Braun.

Jack Brett was next interviewed at his address 2253 Carrollton Avenue. He was shown Amersbach's photograph and immediately stated that he was known to him as "Fred"; that "Fred" had visited a tavern in

which Brett was interested known as the Cars. Brett furnished substantially the same information as had Sherrill Watson with respect to Amersbach's activities at the Cars and the only additional information gained from Brett was that on one occasion he had taken Fred, at the latter's request, to the Merchants National Bank, at which place Fred went in for about ten minutes while Brett drove his car around the block. Brett was able to furnish in addition some information with respect to the location of the gambling house Amersbach spoke of having purchased, as follows - Brett stated on one occasion Amersbach said he intended to go to Louisville and Brett, knowing he was very fond of chicken dinners, directed him to try a Mother Soper's Place, famous for its chicken dinners, located a short distance out of Louisville. When Amersbach subsequently returned to Indianapolis he told Brett he had gone to Mother Soper's and that on the way out he had located a place equipped with a bar and gambling paraphernalia in which he had purchased an interest. Amersbach wanted Brett to go down to Louisville and handle his end of this business. Brett felt that he was not offered enough to do this (\$25 a week) so he declined. In connection with this gambling place Amersbach frequently talked about "the Chief" which Brett took to mean the Chief of Police at Louisville. Brett stated, as did Watson, that the last time Amersbach had been seen was about three weeks prior, or the latter part of July, 1937, when he had come by Brett's home in a drunken condition and in driving up to the house had damaged a fender on Brett's car. Brett came out of his house to see what the disturbance was and remonstrated with Amersbach about damaging his car. Amersbach became boisterous and Brett told him a policeman lived just across the street and if he was not quiet he would have him pulled in. Amersbach then immediately drove away and Brett claims he never knew the purpose of his visit.

Leon Albert DeHart was likewise interviewed at 2253 Carrollton Avenue and he gave substantially the same information as had Watson and Brett with respect to his acquaintance with Amersbach during the time he and the others operated the Cars. The only additional information gained from DeHart was that Amersbach had said on occasion that he was from Chicago, Pittsburgh and New York and that when last seen about three weeks prior when he had damaged Brett's car, Amersbach had said he was going to Louisville or Nashville.

Mrs. E. Morton, another partner in the Cars venture, was interviewed at 2253 Carrollton Avenue and she advised that she knew Amersbach only from his visits to the Cars and was unable to furnish any additional information of value. Both DeHart and Mrs. Morton stated positively on seeing Amersbach's photograph that he was the man known to them as Fred and Joseph Braun.

It was decided it might be unwise to interview Lona Rasnake until such time as the Louisville office had an opportunity to check the telephone calls made to her recently by Amersbach and for the further reason that it was felt the Louisville office might be able to locate

Amersbach's gambling place with the information obtained from Jack Brett. A teletype was prepared furnishing the information given by Brett so that inquiry could be immediately made by the Louisville office and while this teletype was being prepared it was decided that Mr. and Mrs. Myers, Lona's employers, should be advised that it was not agent's intention to interview Lona at that time and to further caution them that they should let nothing slip to indicate they had been questioned about "Jimmie". Agent called Sandy's Restaurant about 6:30 P.M. and talked with Mrs. Myers in the absence of her husband. Upon being advised that agent was not going to talk with Lona immediately, Mrs. Myers stated, "I think you better see her tonight". Quite an extended conversation was had with her over the telephone as to just why she felt agent should see Lona that evening but Mrs. Myers kept repeating her original remark until she finally advised that Lona was going to see Jimmie that night. She was asked whether she had said anything to Lona and she said she had not but that when Lona came to work that evening she had volunteered the information that "Jimmie's coming tonight". As Mrs. Myers was talking on a public telephone no further conversation was had with her at that time.

The writer immediately picked up Special Agent J. J. Meehan at his home and began a surveillance of Sandy's Restaurant. The writer ate dinner at this restaurant and managed to have Mrs. Myers point out Lona to him and it was determined that Jimmie was not present at the time. Agent then contacted Special Agent in Charge Herold H. Reinecke who had just recently arrived in Indianapolis from a road trip, and related to him the situation. Mr. Reinecke immediately came to Sandy's to assist in the surveillance. About 10:30 P.M. Mrs. Myers was observed to leave the restaurant and go to a nearby drug store. The writer contacted her at that place and obtained from her additional information as to Jimmie's habits on visiting the place, the usual time he came and Lona's mode of departure. After conversing with Mrs. Myers she returned alone to the restaurant and agent again took up his position of surveillance. Mrs. Myers immediately came out of the restaurant, again contacted agent and told him that Jimmie had just called to say he would arrive in half an hour. Special Agent in Charge Reinecke then summoned agents R. C. Coulter and C. A. Mahan and instructed them to contact him immediately in the vicinity of Sandy's Restaurant.

About 11:15 P.M. Special Agent in Charge Reinecke and Agents Coulter and Meehan entered the restaurant and seated themselves at a table near the door. The writer and agent Mahan were left guarding the outside. In a very few minutes Jimmie entered the restaurant and seated himself at the bar directly opposite the agents within. He was immediately taken into custody and thereafter taken to the office of the FBI. He readily admitted his identity and the fact that he had been formerly employed at the Harvard Club in Cleveland. The Bureau was immediately advised of Amersbach's apprehension by teletype. The Louisville office which was working on the same angle as the Indianapolis office, was notified by telegram. The Cleveland office was contacted by telephone and Special Agent in Charge T. N. Stapleton was advised of the apprehension.

On August 24, 1937, Special Agent E. J. Wynn called Special Agent in Charge Reinecke by telephone from Cleveland, describing the indictment which was returned June 10, 1937, in the Federal Court at Toledo, Ohio, against Anthony Joseph Amersbach and that a non est return was being made immediately at Toledo, on the capias issued. A bond of \$20,000 was recommended by the U. S. Attorney at Cleveland, returnable forthwith at Toledo. This office was also advised that Amersbach had a twenty-one year sentence yet to serve at Moundsville, West Virginia.

On August 24, 1937, Special Agent Bliss Morton made a complaint before U. S. Commissioner Fae W. Patrick, who issued a fugitive warrant based on the indictment, the substance of which was telephoned the Indianapolis office by Agent Wynn. The U. S. Marshal at Indianapolis then took custody of Amersbach who was arraigned before Commissioner Patrick, at which time he waived hearing, bond was set for \$20,000 and in lieu of bond Amersbach was placed in the Marion County jail.

At the time of Amersbach's apprehension the keys to his Pontiac car were found on his person and this car was located by the writer in the neighborhood of Sandy's Restaurant. It was brought to the garage of this office where it was examined and found to contain various articles of men and women's clothing and a money sack of the Citizens Union National Bank, Louisville, Kentucky. No guns were found in this car or on Amersbach's person. The only other articles of value found in Amersbach's car were a business card of the Hotel LaSalle, 227 West Walnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky, and a plain white card bearing the name - Michael C. Awald in pencil. No leads are being set out by this office to make inquiry at the Hotel LaSalle or to establish the identity of Awald. This is being left to the discretion of the office of origin. The money sack of the Citizens Union National Bank as is set out later in this report, was explained by Amersbach's wife as being a sack used by her to carry nickels from slot machines.

On Amersbach's person at the time he was arrested was found a total of \$61.97 in cash, a check on the Liberty National Bank and Trust Company, Louisville, Kentucky, in the amount of \$20.00 payable to cash, drawn by John J. Murphy, blank check on the Liberty National Bank and Trust Company, Louisville, two Mosler keys each numbered 1838, two slot machine keys and one Bulova wrist watch #6160968. This property, with the exception of the keys mentioned, was turned over to the U. S. Marshal who executed a proper receipt which is retained in the Indianapolis office file.

In Amersbach's car, the 1935 Pontiac bearing Indiana tags 58-119, was found a cardboard suitcase containing women's clothing. Amersbach stated that he had no idea to whom this bag belonged. However, on the evening of August 24, 1937, the writer received a telephone call from Francis Lucid, owner of the Eastgate Bar who stated that a blond had been in there making inquiries for Jack Gordon and she appeared to be very worried because he had left her the preceding evening about 10:30 P.M. and she had not seen him since. By this time, news of Amersbach's appre-

- hension had appeared in Indianapolis newspapers and Lucid showed her a clipping asking if this man could be identical with Jack. The woman immediately left the place. The writer called Mrs. Myers by telephone at Sandy's Restaurant and arrangements were made with her to report immediately if this woman should come to her place inquiring for Jimmie. The following day, however, the woman was located through a local newspaper reporter and she was interviewed at that time by Special Agent J. J. Meehan who has submitted the following report of his interview with her.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. J. Meehan at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 25, 1937.

Charles G. McCallister, Deputy Sheriff, Marion County Jail, telephonically informed the Indianapolis Office that a person named Samuel Johnson wished to see Amersbach. Agent proceeded to the Marion County Jail and Mr. McCallister advised that Amersbach had requested him, McCallister, to get in touch with Samuel Johnson, 1816 South Emerson Avenue. Amersbach told McCallister that he wished to turn his Pontiac Coach and its contents over to Johnson. Mr. McCallister further stated that he has been personally acquainted with Samuel Johnson for several years; that Johnson at one time was a Special Deputy Sheriff, but he, McCallister, had to relieve him of his commission because he frequently became intoxicated. McCallister also said Johnson was a small time gambler but otherwise he knew nothing detrimental concerning him.

At the time agent arrived at the Marion County Jail McCallister stated that Johnson had left but would return within a few minutes. He said that he had personally gotten in touch with Johnson and asked him to come to the Jail and after advising Johnson that Amersbach wished to turn his Pontiac Coach over to him, Johnson stated that he did not know Amersbach very well and did not appear anxious to help Amersbach in any way. While waiting for Johnson to return to the Jail, Amersbach was removed from the Jail by two Deputy U. S. Marshals and taken to the Federal Building where he was arraigned before the Honorable Robert C. Baltzell, Judge of the U. S. District Court, who ordered that he be removed to Toledo, Ohio. Amersbach was then returned to the Jail. A short time later Johnson returned to the Jail with his wife. He informed agent that he knew very little concerning Amersbach. He stated he knew he was a gambler and always thought his real name was Joseph Braun. He further stated that if the Federal Bureau of Investigation had no objection he would be willing to store Amersbach's Pontiac Coach in his garage.

Mr. Johnson and agent then interviewed Amersbach and Amersbach gave to Johnson a written release directing that the Parkview Garage release his Pontiac Coach to Samuel Johnson. A copy of this release was obtained by agent and is being placed in the Indianapolis Office file.

At this time Amersbach also stated that the cardboard suitcase which was found in the back of his car should also be turned over to Johnson. Amersbach, however, denied that he knew

who owned this suitcase and insisted that it had probably been left in his car by some woman friend. Before leaving the Jail, Amersbach also requested Johnson to endeavor, if possible, to find a bondsman so that Amersbach could be released on bail, and Johnson promised him that he would do the best he could. Agent at this time asked Amersbach where he had been living in Indianapolis, but he stated that he had nothing to say and did not wish to discuss the matter further. Amersbach's automobile and its contents were then released to Samuel Johnson, who stated that he would take them to his garage at 1816 South Emerson Avenue, Indianapolis.

Later in the day a telephone call was received by the Indianapolis Office from Mr. Vern M. Boxell, City Editor of the Indianapolis Times newspaper, advising that one of his reporters had located a woman believed to be the wife of Anthony Amersbach. Mr. Boxell further stated that his reporter was now with this woman at Bittle's Cabin Court, a tourist camp located at 7608 East Washington Street. At this camp agent met the reporter from the Indianapolis Times who informed him that the woman he believed to be Amersbach's wife was in Cabin number two. This reporter then immediately left the tourist camp. Agent interviewed this woman who advised that her name was Mrs. Margaret Eva Braun and voluntarily agreed to go with agent to the Indianapolis Office for the purpose of being questioned. While she was getting ready to leave her cabin, some woman, evidently the owner of the tourist camp and who was also apparently aware of agent's identity, asked agent if he was intending to arrest Mrs. Braun. She also informed agent that she felt very sorry for Mrs. Braun and stated that Mrs. Braun did not have any money and the night previous it was necessary for her to advance Mrs. Braun some money so that she could purchase food.

At the Indianapolis Office Mrs. Braun was questioned for the purpose of obtaining all information she had concerning Amersbach. Mrs. Braun advised that she never knew her husband under the name of Amersbach but knew him only as James Joseph Braun. She advised that on Monday evening, August 23, 1937, they had just returned in their Pontiac Coach from Louisville, Kentucky, and he told her that it would be necessary for him to go in town to transact some business. He also promised her that he would return within a few hours. She stated that he left their cabin about 9:00 P. M. that evening, and when he did not show up the following morning, she became worried about him. She stated that during the following day she discussed the matter with Mrs. Bittle, the proprietress of

the tourist camp where she was staying, and Mrs. Bittle suggested that she contact hospitals and the police department as it was possible her husband may have met with an accident. Mrs. Braun further stated that on Tuesday evening, August 24, a friend of Mrs. Bittle came to the tourist camp and this friend was advised that Mrs. Braun's husband had disappeared. It further appears that this friend had a son who was a newspaper reporter for the Indianapolis Times and this friend stated that she would have her son endeavor to find Mrs. Braun's husband. Mrs. Braun continued by stating that on Wednesday, August 25, 1937, her husband's picture appeared in the Indianapolis Star, a morning newspaper. Mrs. Bittle saw it and informed her that her husband was in Jail. She stated that Mrs. Bittle also informed the newspaper reporter that Mrs. Braun's husband had been located and it was in this manner that the newspaper reporter from the Indianapolis Times discovered Mrs. Braun's whereabouts. She stated that when this reporter left her on agent's arrival, he promised that he would not publish any story concerning her discovery in his newspaper, as he did not wish to embarrass her in any manner. It might be mentioned herein that as a matter of fact the Indianapolis Times did not publish any story concerning Mrs. Braun on August 25, 1937.

Concerning Amersbach, Mrs. Braun advised that she married him at Detroit, Michigan, on June 6, 1926, at which time she believed his name to be James Joseph Braun. She advised that her name at this time was Margaret Eva Thompson. She said she first became acquainted with Amersbach, whom she referred to as Jimmie, about sometime in 1923, at which time she was entertaining as a singer in the Penthouse Cafe, which is located on top of the Park Avenue Hotel in Detroit. She stated at this time she was residing alone in a room at the Paul Revere Hotel, Detroit. After they were married, she continued to live at the Paul Revere and he visited her occasionally. She stated that he never told her what his business was except that he was a gambler, but he never informed her if he had any interest in any gambling house or just how he did make his money. She stated that he would only say he had a few spots here and there and it was necessary for him to visit these various spots continuously.

Mrs. Braun stated that it was probably at her insistence that Amersbach married her. She stated that she is still very much in love with him but that all during their married life it has been necessary for her to work in order to support herself and her son, John Thomas, who was born in January, 1928 in a hospital at Flint, Michigan. Mrs. Braun stated that in Detroit

most people knew her as Eva Markland, which name has also been given to her young son. She advised that this son is being raised by a very good friend of hers, Dolly Markland, who resides at 966 Perry Street, Detroit. Dolly Markland is married and her husband's name is John. Mrs. Braun advised that she is not in any way related to the Markland family but merely adopted their name as a stage name.

Mrs. Braun stated that ever since the child was born she has lived in Detroit and that she has been there almost continuously since the time she married Amersbach, except that in March, 1934, or thereabouts she and her husband had a family quarrel and he left her stating that he did not ever intend again to return. She advised that she expected he would return as he had done in the past and in order for him not to find her she decided to leave Detroit. She advised that she went to Mansfield, Ohio, probably during the fall of 1934 and obtained employment as a stenographer in the Inspection Office of the Westinghouse Electric Company in Mansfield. She advised that she remained in the employment of this company until about February, 1936 when she returned to the Paul Revere Hotel in Detroit.

Mrs. Braun stated that while living in Mansfield, Ohio, she resided at 87 East Fourth Street, and while working for the Westinghouse Electric Company she used the name Eva Markland, and her immediate supervisor was a Mr. Jacobs. She advised that probably in the spring of 1936 while she was working at the cigar counter of the Detroit Hotel and living at the Paul Revere Hotel, her husband again contacted her. She advised that this was the first time she had seen or heard of him from the time he left her about March, 1934. She advised that she has no idea where he was during this period of time.

Mrs. Braun stated that her husband has never contributed to the support of their son, and she implied although would not specifically say so that her husband doubted his paternity. She stated that this son was the cause of many of their quarrels. She also stated that from the time she first knew Amersbach until about August 1, 1937 she never saw him with more than \$300 in cash on his person, that she has never known him to use a bank book and never knew him to deposit any money in any bank. She also stated that he never mentioned to her that he had a safe deposit box and as far as she knows he has never

had one. She advised that during the time they were married her husband left her sometimes for months at a time and during these absences he never wrote to her, that as a matter of fact she never has known him to write a letter during his lifetime. She stated on various occasions he did fly from whichever city he was in and visit her for a few days in Detroit and then he would again leave by plane or train. She advised during all this time she never saw him driving an automobile although when he would visit her he occasionally would state that he had an automobile but did not care to bring it with him to Detroit. She stated that the only automobile she ever saw him drive was the Pontiac Coach previously mentioned in this report. Concerning the cities from which her husband sent her telegrams advising that he was expecting to see her shortly in Detroit, she stated that as far as she can recall these telegrams came from Gary, Indiana, Cleveland, Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio and Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Braun advised that sometime the latter part of June, 1937, she received a telegram from her husband in Indianapolis, Indiana, advising that if she cared to visit him, she could locate him in the bar of the Washington Hotel, Indianapolis. She stated that for some unknown reason she was tired of living in Detroit while he was continually roaming around the country and she decided to give up her position in Detroit and stay with him if he would allow her to do so. She stated that she, therefore, resigned from her position in the Detroit Hotel and came to Indianapolis where she contacted Amersbach in the bar of the Washington Hotel, and after pleading with him for some time he stated that she could remain with him if she so desired.

She advised that when she arrived in Indianapolis it was probably around the first or second of July. She stated at this time they secured a cabin at the Bittle's Cabin Court where they remained a couple of nights. She stated that at this time her husband had the above mentioned Pontiac Coach. She advised that after leaving this tourist camp, they went to Lake Manitou, Indiana, where they stayed in a cottage for about two weeks; that they then returned to Indianapolis and again stayed at the Bittle's Cabin Court for one night; that they then proceeded to Louisville, Kentucky and stayed at the Dixie Tourist Camp, which is located about three miles south of St. Helens, just outside of Louisville on the Dixie Highway. Mrs. Braun stated that as far as she can recall, her husband purchased an interest in the Southland Nite Club, 7th Street and Arcade Road, during the latter part of July and that this place was opened for

business on a Friday night, which she believed was probably July 30, 1937. Mrs. Braun stated that after arriving in Louisville, they stayed there continuously until August 23, except on one occasion during this time they came to Indianapolis where they spent the night at the Bittle's Cabin Court, and then again returned to Louisville the following day.

Mrs. Braun confessed complete ignorance of her husband's business dealings. She stated that he always told her it was none of her business what he did and if she wanted to stay with him, she could, and if she didn't, she didn't have to. However, she stated that because she thought so much of him, she was willing to put up with his peculiar ways. She stated that she supposed he probably went out with other women. However, she said she was willing to forget these other affairs if she could occasionally be with him, as she thought that much of him. She stated that it was her impression that on August 23 prior to leaving Louisville her husband sold his interest in the Southland Nite Club. However, she was unable to advise if he had been paid in cash or to whom he had sold the interest. She also stated that after purchasing this night club, on one or two occasions her husband had as much as \$3,000 in cash in his trouser pockets. She also stated that after purchasing an interest in this club he always seemed to have more money in his pockets than she had ever previously seen him have. However, she stated that she never saw him go to a bank to deposit any of this money and she doesn't know what he did with it. Concerning the money bag of the Citizens Union National Bank, Louisville, Kentucky, which was found in Amersbach's car, Mrs. Braun advised that she used this bag to transport nickels from the night club to the Citizens Union National Bank where she obtained bills for same.

She advised that she never deposited any money in this bank.

Concerning a card with writing, "Micheal C. Awald," which was found in Amersbach's car, Mrs. Braun advised that she had never before seen the card and did not know a person by this name. She also was unable to advise why a card of the Hotel La-Salle, 221 West Walnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky, was in her husband's car, stating that she had never stayed at this hotel.

Mrs. Braun stated that she has never heard her husband speak of any of the subjects of instant case. She stated

that the only people she knew he traveled with were gamblers and she knew very few of these by name. However, she did state that her husband was acquainted with a gambler named Lefty Clark in Detroit, Michigan, and that her husband frequently went to John Ryan's gambling place and Danny Sullivan's gambling place in Detroit. She stated the only other gambler that she could recall who was associated with her husband in any way was Bill Goose in Louisville, Kentucky. However, she stated that she had been introduced to Fred Spadie, who was a partner with her husband in the Southland Nite Club. She also stated her husband knew John Murphy, a contractor in Louisville.

Mrs. Braun appeared to be very cooperative in this matter although she continued to state that she knew very little of her husband's past life and, therefore, was unable actually to furnish any real information concerning him. However, she stated that after thinking about this matter she now recalls that he on a few occasions has told her he had an interest in a saloon in or on the outskirts of Gary, Indiana, and she believes he has spent most of his time at this place during the past two or three years, but she was unable to furnish any other information concerning the location of this saloon and did not know the name of the place. At the time Amersbach was taken into custody he had three sets of keys on his person, a total of six keys. It was determined that two of these keys belonged to his Pontiac Coach and the other four keys were shown to Mrs. Braun. She picked out one set and advised that they were used to open the slot machines which were in the Southland Nite Club. However, she was unable to identify the other two keys. She stated that she believes she has seen them once before in her husband's pocket but had never asked him what they were for and could offer no information concerning them. It might be stated herein that these keys are similar to those used for safe deposit boxes.

Mrs. Braun also advised that until she went to Louisville just recently with her husband, she had never before been in any gambling house in which he was interested. As a matter of fact Indianapolis and Louisville are the only two cities where she had lived with her husband outside of Detroit. She advised she knows nothing whatsoever concerning his connections in Cleveland and that she was always under the impression that his original home had been in Indianapolis but that all his relatives were deceased. She stated that she has never seen a gun in her husband's possession and has never heard him speak of guns. She stated during the time she was married to Amersbach he never gave her more than \$20 at a time and that on various occasions he would give her a \$20 bill, but as a general rule she lived on the money she earned herself. She stated at no time did he purchase her any expensive clothing, but he did

right after they were married purchase her an expensive diamond ring, which later she was forced to sell in order to get money for herself and her son.

Mrs. Braun stated that she noticed her husband's Indiana operator's license indicated that his name was Joseph Braun and that he resided at 3160 North Illinois Street. She stated she asked him about this address and he told her it was none of her business and to forget about it. Mrs. Braun stated she had a friend, Mrs. Jennie Sherman, who resided at 31 North Arsenal Street and she intended to remain with this friend until her husband was removed to Toledo, Ohio, after which time she would in all probability return to her room at the Paul Revere Hotel in Detroit. She stated that if she goes to another address, she will notify the Indianapolis Office, the address of which was furnished to her for this purpose.

Mrs. Braun advised that she has never been arrested or been in any trouble before and she voluntarily permitted agent to fingerprint her. This fingerprint card has been forwarded to the Bureau with the request that it be searched through the criminal file and if no record be found that it be placed in the personal identification file of the Bureau.

Mrs. Braun desired that she be permitted to see her husband and agent went with her to the Marion County Jail for this purpose. Amersbach did not appear to be very much interested in her but stated to her that she should not worry too much about him; that he would in all probability make bond as soon as he was transferred to Toledo, Ohio; and that he would return to her immediately in Indianapolis, Indiana. She then asked him where he would get in touch with her, and he stated he would contact her at the Arsenal Street address. He also gave her a written order so that she could obtain \$20 of his money from the Sheriff, which money had been turned over to the Sheriff by the U. S. Marshal. Mrs. Braun was then taken back to the tourist camp where she was staying and on the return trip she advised agent after her husband did not show up at their cabin on August 24, she thoroughly searched through his clothing hoping that she might find something which would indicate to her why he had disappeared. She stated, however, that she had been able to find absolutely nothing of value, that his clothes had nothing at all in the pockets except one pair of dice. She stated that as far as she knew all the clothes he had were in his automobile and in the cabin. Upon arriving at the cabin she informed agent if he so desired, he could thoroughly search same. Agent did so but nothing of value was discovered. It was noted, however, that Amersbach had four suits of clothing in the cabin and

every suit had been purchased at Richman Brothers. Also in the pockets of one suit was a pair of dice which agent did not take, and in the pocket of another suit were several cards of the Southland Nite Club. These cards read as follows:

***FIRST AND LAST CHANCE**

SOUTHLAND NITE CLUB

7th and Arcade - Route 31W

The Place That's Different

Presented by Jim and Spadie

Two of these cards were taken by agent and are being placed in the Indianapolis Office file. Mrs. Braun stated that her husband usually signed his name Joseph Braun, but as his correct name was James Joseph Braun, most people knew him by the name of Jim or Jimmie.

Following is a description of Mrs. Braun as obtained by observation and interrogation:

Name: Margaret Eva Braun, nee Thompson
alias Eva Markland
alias Mrs. Anthony Amersbach
It might be stated herein that Mrs. Braun has never used the latter alias.
Permanent Residence: Paul Revere Hotel, Detroit, Mich.
Temporary Residence: 31 North Arsenal Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Age: 37 - Born March 26, 1900, Jasonville, Ind.
Height: 5' 7"
Weight: 128
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Naturally light brown - present time, peroxide blonde.
Build: Slender
Complexion: Light
Teeth: Good, uppers protrude slightly.
Education: three years of college
Marks: One inch burn scar on top of right wrist.
Marital Status: Married
Children: One son, John Thomas Markland, age 8, now residing with Mrs. Dolly Markland, 966 Perry Street, Flint, Michigan.

Fingerprints: Forwarded to Bureau on personal
identification card, August 26, 1937.
Criminal Record: Requested from Bureau

It might be stated herein that during the time agent searched Mrs. Braun's cabin at Bittle's Cabin Court, it was observed that all her personal belongings were rather inexpensive. She did not possess any jewelry except that which is purchased in a ten cent store, and all of her dresses were well worn.

Before leaving, Mrs. Braun informed agent that in view of what has happened it was very probable that her husband would no longer care to see her. However, she stated that if she can ever be of any assistance to any agent, she will be only too glad to cooperate in this matter. She also stated that she never before heard of the name Amersbach and she feels absolutely sure that none of the people connected with her husband in Louisville were aware of his true identity.

Mrs. Braun also informed agent that the suitcase which had been recovered in her husband's automobile was her personal property, and at the time she saw her husband in the Jail he admitted this fact. Mrs. Braun also was advised that this suitcase had been turned over with the car to Samuel Johnson and she stated that although the articles in the suitcase were not worth much, she would probably see Mr. Johnson before leaving Indianapolis and obtain her personal belongings from him.

It will be noted in Agent Meehan's investigation that nothing appeared in the newspapers of August 25, 1937, concerning Mrs. Braun, but on August 26, 1937, an interview with her was published in the Indianapolis Times, copy of which clipping is being placed in the Indianapolis file. There is nothing in this clipping other than is related in Agent Meehan's report of his interview with her.

On August 28, 1937, Agent Meehan received a long distance telephone call from Mrs. Braun advising that for the next few days she could be located at the Southland Night Club, Louisville, Kentucky, and that later she would go to Detroit, Michigan, at which time the Indianapolis office would be advised. On the same date Mrs. Braun called again and stated that agents from the Louisville office were questioning her and would not leave her alone. She was advised to inform them that she had been questioned by the Indianapolis office.

On August 28, 1937, inquiries were made at the Merchants National Bank, Indianapolis, by the writer of Mr. J. P. Frenzel, Jr., President, and Mr. Otto N. Frenzel, Vice-President, and it was learned that the Mosler keys #1838 taken from Amersbach at the time of his arrest belonged to his safe deposit box in that institution. The Messrs. Frenzel advised that they were willing to cooperate with the Bureau in every respect but that to protect themselves legally it would not be possible to permit an agent to inspect this box until a satisfactory court order was furnished. Subsequently Mr. Edward P. Fillion, attorney for the Merchants National Bank, contacted Special Agent in Charge Reinecke and furnished him with a form of the usual power of attorney used by the bank to enable anyone to enter a safe deposit box if properly filled out by the holder of the box. The box in question, #1838, had been rented by Amersbach using the name James Burns, on May 10, 1937. Before contacting Amersbach to determine if he would execute this power of attorney to permit an inspection of his box, Assistant U. S. Attorney B. Howard Caughran was consulted to determine if he would authorize the issuance of a search warrant in the event Amersbach refused to execute the power of attorney. Mr. Caughran stated he could see no objection to the procedure and that if the U. S. Commissioner was satisfied the facts in this case justified the search warrant requested, he would have no objection. U. S. Commissioner Fae W. Patrick, before whom Amersbach had appeared, was consulted and he stated that in the event Amersbach refused to execute the power of attorney he would issue a search warrant.

Amersbach was then contacted at the County Jail and he was told that a safe deposit box at the Merchants National Bank had been located and that it was desired to inspect this box to determine what it contained. He readily agreed to execute the power of attorney which was offered for his signature stating at the time that the box merely contained \$5,000 in cash.

In a conversation had with Amersbach at this time he stated to agent that he was quite conversant with the procedure necessary in entering a safe deposit box because he and his sister had a safe deposit box under an arrangement whereby neither could get in the box unless the other was present. As Amersbach had mentioned this in a casual manner, seemingly without thinking, he was not questioned further as to the possible location of the safe deposit box in Cleveland and it is being left to the Cleveland office, which has been handling the Amersbach angle of this case, as to whether or not efforts should be made to locate the box in Cleveland.

With the power of attorney executed by Amersbach, the writer and Agent Meehan proceeded to the Merchants National Bank where, in the presence of Assistant Cashier G. F. Lichtsinn, safe deposit box #1838 was opened. Mr. Lichtsinn removed the contents of the box which consisted entirely of currency and ordinary wrappings which had obviously been used to carry the currency to the bank. The money contained in the box was first counted by Mr. Lichtsinn and found to amount to \$5,000, \$3,000 of which was in \$100 bills and the remaining \$2,000 in \$5 bills. This money was then turned over to the writer and Agent Meehan who together listed the full description of the bank notes.

Following the listing of the bills contained in Amersbach's box the money was turned over to Mr. Lichtsinn for a final count and he replaced the same in the box which was thereafter locked in the vault and agents had no further contact with it. The safe deposit keys mentioned are still in the possession of this office and will be so retained until the final disposition of the case is determined.

From the list made of the currency in Amersbach's possession a check was made with the ransom notes paid in the Bremer, Robinson and Weyerhaeuser kidnaping cases without result. No list of the ransom money paid in the Hamm kidnaping case is available at this office and if it is desired that this list be checked against the money found in Amersbach's box, the office of origin should so advise.

The list of the currency made by the writer and Agent Meehan is being retained in the Indianapolis office file.

Under date of August 28, 1937, a letter was received from the Louisville office advising that Mr. Fred Spadie, who was Amersbach's business partner in Louisville, was coming to Indianapolis for the purpose of talking with Amersbach about his interest in their road house. The Louisville office advised that Mr. Spadie had cooperated fully with agents at Louisville and it was requested that arrangements be made if possible for him to talk with Amersbach. Accordingly, Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal Julius Wichser was contacted by telephone and asked to make the necessary arrangements for Mr. Spadie to see Amersbach, and that this office would have no objection to the interview. Mr. Wichser later advised that he had taken care of the matter.

On August 30, 1937, Mrs. Braun was again in this office, at which time she requested permission to talk with her husband. She was told that this office had no objection and it is understood that she subsequently talked with him on that date.

On August 31, 1937, the U. S. Marshal advised that he would be leaving on September 1, 1937, with Amersbach for Toledo, Ohio. This information was furnished by wire to the Director and the Cleveland office. On the morning of September 1, 1937, agent talked with Deputy Marshal Miss White and she stated that Deputy Marshals Andrew Taff and James Campbell had left early on that morning with Amersbach to return him to Toledo. A disposition sheet showing the arrest by the U.S. Marshal at Indianapolis is being furnished the Bureau with copies of this report.

A copy of Amersbach's criminal record under FBI #84230 was received and is set out in full below:

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Arrangements were made with the Indianapolis Police Department to photograph Amersbach and one copy of his photograph is being furnished to the Bureau, Cincinnati and Cleveland offices and one is being retained in the Indianapolis office.

Amersbach's description noted at the Police Department at the time these photographs were taken is as follows:

Age	40 (3-6-97, Cleveland, Ohio)
Height	5'9"
Weight	188
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Dark brown
Teeth	Several gold rims, irregular, poor
Occupation	Gambler
Scars	III cic. scar on side of neck in back

By letter dated August 5, 1937, from the Cincinnati office to the Chicago office, with copies to all offices, all offices covering Bureaus of Motor Vehicles were requested to make a re-check to ascertain if the stop notices previously placed against 1935 Ford V8 Coach, motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor PJ-322772, serial #2619857, are still maintained. On August 31, 1937, the writer contacted Mr. Harry Billings, Indiana State Bureau of Motor Vehicles, who stated that the stops previously placed against these cars are still in force and effect and will so continue until revoked by order of this office.

It is not known in this office what investigation with respect to Anthony Joseph Amersbach and his activities has been previously conducted by the Cleveland and Louisville offices, and accordingly no leads are being set out in this report, this being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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501 Healey Building.
Atlanta, Georgia,
September 15, 1937.

PMB:O
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Mr. Marcus McWhorter, Chief Clerk,
Motor Vehicle Division,
State Revenue Commission,
State Capitol,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you advise this office whether or not 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, motor number 2044337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor number PJ-322772, serial number 2619857, have been registered for the current year in the State of Georgia.

It is also requested that if they are registered at any time in the future that you advise this office immediately.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

J. W. VINCENT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT		CINCINNATI, OHIO		FILE NO.	7-30	FBI
REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/16/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/13/37	REPORT MADE BY F. W. ALLEN			
TITLE GEORGE TIMINKEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Motor vehicle registries of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont circularized re 1935 Ford sedan, motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor # P. J. 322772, serial #2619857. Photograph of George G. Rorke returned to H. S. Yaffa, 38 Chauncy Street, Boston, Mass. - RUC -						
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R.F. Gleason, Boston Division, June 25, 1937. Letter from Cincinnati Division to Chicago Division, August 5, 1937.						
DETAILS: In compliance with request contained in letter dated August 5, 1937 from the Cincinnati Division to the Chicago Division, copies of which were addressed to all Field offices, the motor vehicle registries at Boston, Mass., Concord, N. H., Augusta, Maine and Montpelier, Vermont have been circularized for information with relation to the possible registration of 1935 Ford V8, two door sedan, motor #2044337 which was registered in Kansas during 1935 in the name of J. M. Lett, 113 East 8th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas and 1935 Plymouth sedan, motor #P. J. 322772, serial #2619857 which was registered in Ohio during 1935 in the name of Carl Baker who is identical with Milton Lett. Stop orders have been placed against these automobiles and in the event that any information is obtained concerning them in the future, this office will be notified and this case re-opened here upon the receipt of such information. The photograph of George G. Rorke who, as per referred to report of Agent R. F. Gleason, dated June 25, 1937, was interviewed at the Salvation Army at 929 Washington Street, Boston, is being returned to Mr. H. S. Yaffa, c/o Smith-Corona Typewriter Company, 38 Chauncy Street, Boston, Mass. by registered mail, on						
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this date, in view of the fact that copies of the said photograph have been made at the Bureau and in view of the fact that the photograph has already served its purpose.

The referred to report of Special Agent Gleason contained an undeveloped lead for the Boston Division to contact a confidential informant referred to in the Bureau's letter dated July 30, 1936 (Bureau file 7-576) relating to the receipt by the Bureau at that time of an anonymous letter alleging complicity of certain members of the Boston Police Department with certain confidence men. In view of the fact that William Elmer Lead, who was at that time believed to be in contact with one Fred Flowers, mentioned in the referred to anonymous letter, has since been apprehended, it now appears that the situation with reference to these confidence men has no particular bearing on this present case and that undeveloped lead mentioned in Agent Gleason's report is being disregarded so far as this report is concerned and the subject matter thereof is being taken up separately with the Bureau by letter.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 15, 1937

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Respectfully referred to the Department of Justice.

M. H. McIntire
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Secretary to the President

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*Mr. H. W. ...
Mr. ...
12-23-37*

December 30, 1937.

Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre,
Secretary to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McIntyre:

I wish to acknowledge your letter transmitting certain uncomplimentary statements concerning representatives of this Bureau, transmitted to you for the attention of the President by Mrs. Cassius M. McDonald.

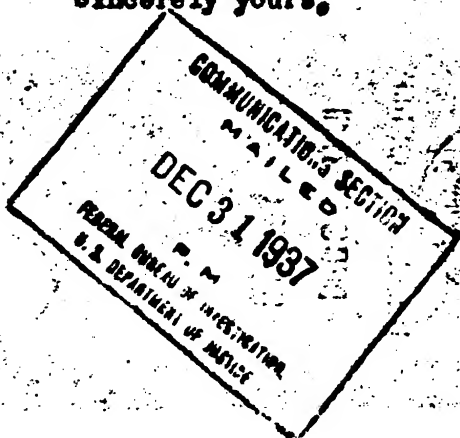
For your information I wanted to advise you that Mrs. McDonald is the wife of Cassius M. McDonald, who was one of the principal money changers in connection with the exchanging of the \$200,000 ransom obtained in the Edward George Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934. Cassius M. McDonald was convicted on February 1, 1936, at St. Paul, Minnesota, and received a sentence of fifteen years for conspiracy to kidnap Mr. Edward George Bremer.

This Bureau was endeavoring to locate a typewriter, the property of Cassius M. McDonald, believed to be in the possession of Mrs. McDonald and to have been used in connection with an extortion case. I might state that no further efforts are being made to obtain this typewriter.

With assurances of my highest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hottel
Mr. Lester
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Kington
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson



Est. 1911

506 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana
September 23, 1937

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Hon. Val Nolan,
U. S. Attorney,
Federal Building,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Re: EREKID

Attn: Mr. B. Howard Caughran,
Assistant U. S. Attorney.

Dear Sir:

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Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated September 21, 1937, enclosing original authorization signed by Anthony Amersbach, dated September 15, 1937, in connection with the contents of lock box #1838 at the Merchants National Bank, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Very truly yours,

Herold M. Reinecke,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau ✓

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RE: GEORGE TIMINNEY

Inspector Foxworth:

The last report submitted by your office in this case is dated 5/11/37, and the investigation is now delinquent. This report contained a lead to secure certain handwriting specimens. The Bureau, by telegram dated 5/15/37, instructed that you discontinue any further investigation concerning these handwriting specimens. It does not appear that there is any further investigation to be conducted in the Newark district. You should review the file and thereafter promptly RUC the case to the office of origin.

SAC Devereaux:

Upon the recent arrival in this district of Special Agent Brennan, this Agent, upon my instructions, thoroughly reviewed instant file, and at the present time is composing a rough draft report. Report will be submitted shortly, and the proper action will be taken in accordance with your suggestions.

Inspection Report
Newark Office
Inspector Foxworth
July 9, 1937

*This has been done
off. 8-17-37*

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400 U. S. Court House
Buffalo, N.Y.

Sept. 25, 1937

Mr. J. A. Koch
Assistant Cashier
First National Bank
Glens Falls, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 12, 1937, concerning Federal reserve note on a Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, number I04426165A.

It will not be necessary for you to hold this note in your possession and you are free to dispose of it in any manner you see fit.

Very truly yours,

J. W. WARNES
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau
Cincinnati

Re: BREKID.

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ONE

501 Healey Building,
Atlanta, Georgia,
September 24, 1937.

HEP:G
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Mr. Marcus Newbater, Chief Clerk,
Motor Vehicle Division,
State Revenue Commission,
State Capitol,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you advise this office if either
of the cars listed below have been registered for the current year
in the State of Georgia:

1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, motor #2044337.

1935 Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ-322772, serial #2619857.

It is also requested that if they are registered at any
time in the future that you advise this office immediately.

Very truly yours,

J. W. VINCENT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati
Cleveland

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501 Healey Building,
Atlanta, Georgia,
September 24, 1937.

HEP:G
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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 4, 1937, in the above entitled matter concerning the incarceration of one Dexter Sheffield, alias "Deck" Sheffield in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, for violation of the liquor laws some four or five years ago, and requesting this division to make appropriate inquiries at that institution and if possible obtain a photograph of Sheffield.

Please be advised that A. B. Stallworth, Jr., Assistant Record Clerk of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, after checking the records at that institution advised Special Agent H. B. Plarico of this division that they had no record of Sheffield under his true name or alias and fitting the description furnished by your division being incarcerated at that institution.

Very truly yours,

J. W. VINCENT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cleveland
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Department of Justice
Washington

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September 25, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR J. EDGAR HOOVER,
DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: United States v. Joseph H. Adams
and Henry Duke Randall.

In reply to your memorandum of September 2, 1937, the Criminal Division is inclined to believe that it is quite feasible and desirable that your bureau endeavor to obtain possession of the Browning automatic rifle which was taken from the possession of Joseph H. Adams by Special Agents during January, 1935.

As you are probably aware, under Section 1132(1), Title 26, U.S.C., of the National Firearms Act, the regulations concerning the transfer of such arms do not apply to the excepted agencies named therein.

According to the most recent information in the possession of the Criminal Division, this rifle is now in the possession of the United States Marshal at Miami, Florida. Although it is highly improbable that there will be any claimants to the weapon, it is suggested that your Miami office confer with the United States Attorney in that City for the purpose of taking appropriate action for the issuance of court order declaring the rifle to be the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Respectfully,

RECORDED
Brien McMahon
BRIEN McMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Miami, Florida.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

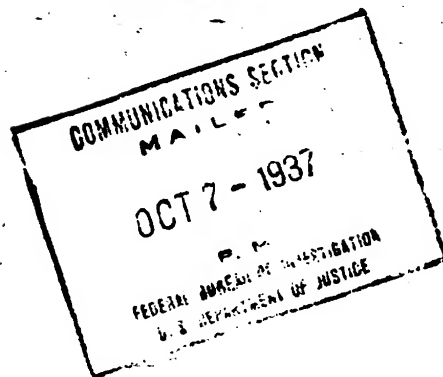
Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 24, 1937 concerning the drawing up of a libel for the purpose of confiscating the automatic rifle and turning the same over to the Bureau.

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum dated September 25, 1937 from Assistant Attorney General Brien McMahon concerning this matter which is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure.



SKM:rd
7-24

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

September 27, 1937

Mr. Herbert S. Phillips
United States Attorney
Tampa, Florida

Att: Mr. Damon C. Yerkes,
Asst. U. S. Attorney
Jacksonville, Fla.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al.
KIDNAPING, etc.

Dear Mr. Yerkes:

With reference to your letter of September 8, 1937, concerning the filing of a libel for the purpose of confiscating the automatic rifle which is being held at this office in the above investigation, please be advised that such action will be satisfactory.

For your information, the gun in question is a Browning Automatic Rifle which can only be identified through the label "Government Exhibit #33", dated June 8, 1937, with which it was tagged at the time it was introduced in evidence in the trial of Joseph H. Adams and "Duke" Randall at Miami. The serial numbers which originally appeared on this gun have been completely defaced and it cannot be described in any other way.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS
Special Agent in Charge

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September 28, 1937.

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PERSONAL

Mr. C. W. Stein,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sirs:

Your attention is invited to Bureau letter dated August 21, 1937, calling your attention again to the prosecution of Harry Goldstein for the illegal sale of a .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol which was found in the possession of Alvin Karpis. You advised under date of August 25, 1937 that you expected to proceed to Tulsa, Oklahoma within a short time and that you would conduct the necessary investigation.

As you are aware of the Bureau's desire to have this particular phase of the investigation followed personally by you in the most expeditious manner possible, I desire that you advise the Bureau if you have had an opportunity to conduct this investigation and, in the event you have not, it is requested that you advise the Bureau when this investigation will be completed.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JEL:ERM

September 28, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Bureau letter addressed to the Oklahoma City Office under date of July 26, 1937, a copy of which was forwarded to you, requesting that your office immediately review your file concerning Milton Lett with a view to initiating investigation in the immediate future to effect Lett's apprehension.

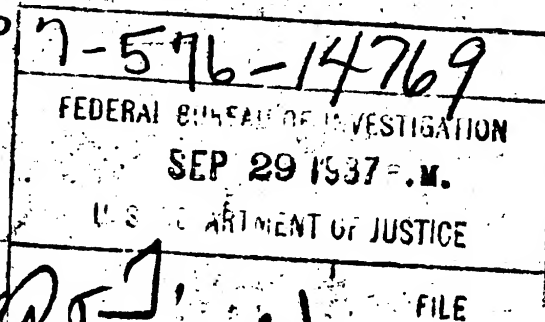
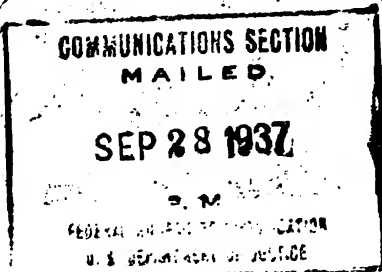
The Bureau desires that this investigation be followed by your office without further delay.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Mr. E. J. Connelley,
New York City.

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September 28, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

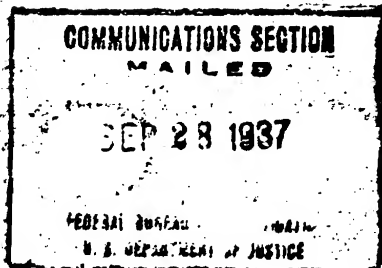
Your attention is invited to Bureau letter dated July 26, 1937, requesting that your office immediately review your file concerning Hilton Lett with a view to initiating investigation in the immediate future to effect Lett's apprehension.

The Bureau desires that this investigation be followed by your office without further delay.

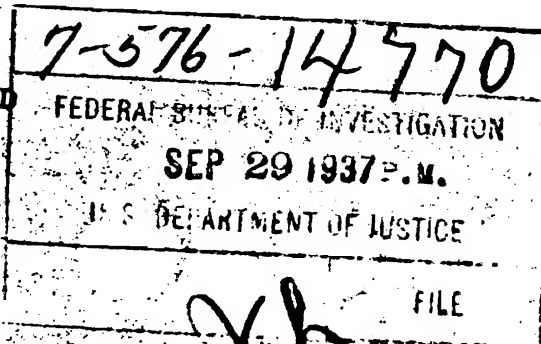
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Mr. E. J. Connelley,
New York City.



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JEL:ERM

September 28, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

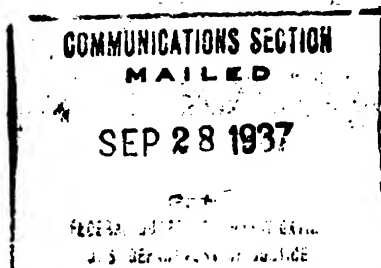
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The Bureau desires that this investigation be followed by your office without further delay.

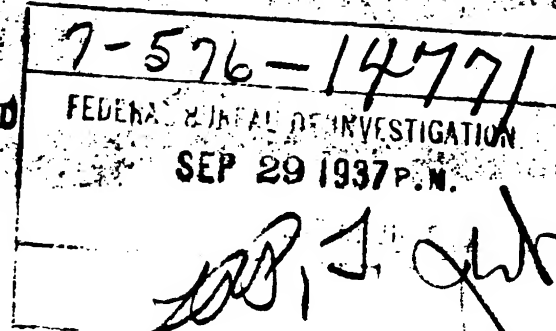
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Mr. E. J. Connelley,
New York City.



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

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Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
September 27th, 1937

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

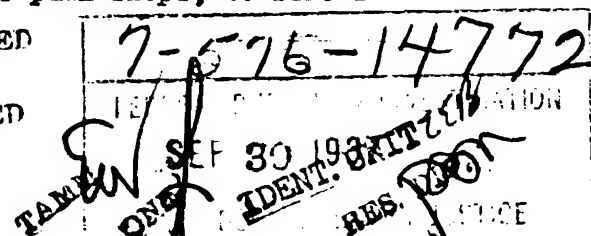
Reference is made to Bureau letters dated August 21st, 1937 and April 26th, 1937 relating to a .45 calibre Colt Automatic pistol sold by Harry Goldstein, pawn broker, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and found in the possession of Alvin Karpis at the time of his apprehension.

On September 22d, 1937 this matter was discussed with Roy Hyatt, Chief of Police, Tulsa by Agents L. E. Kingman and W. E. Hopton of this office. The matter was discussed diplomatically in order to avoid any chance for interference with the excellent cooperation now enjoyed by this office with the members of Mr. Hyatt's force and Mr. Hyatt himself. It was explained to Chief Hyatt that the gun in question had been checked and traced until it was discovered that in August, 1935 Harry Goldstein had sold it to a person whose identity could not be learned, and that due to Goldstein's failure to comply with the Tulsa city ordinance requiring the taking of fingerprints on the notice of purchase of firearms, that it was impossible to develop the identity of the person purchasing the gun.

During this discussion Chief Hyatt called in Captain George Reif with whom Special Agent Kingman had conferred after Agent Kingman discovered that the files of purchasers of firearms in possession of the Tulsa Police Department had failed to show any fingerprints of the purchaser. Captain Reif stated he recalled distinctly the conference had with Agent Kingman, which occurred about June, 1936, and that he had ordered H. Kiskadden, who had been in charge of the squad which made investigations of pawn shops, to file a

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complaint at that time against Harry Goldstein; that he, Reif, had left shortly thereafter on a vacation, and that upon his return he was again contacted by Agent Kingman relative to the complaint against Goldstein, and had taken the matter up again with Kiskadden, and in a conference with Kiskadden and other officers who were then assigned to the pawn shop detail, Kiskadden and these officers had urged that no prosecution be had against Goldstein since he was cooperative with them in furnishing information when people brought in stolen articles to his store; that they were afraid that prosecution would result in the loss of the cooperation with Goldstein.

Roy Hyatt called Harry Kiskadden, who is now assigned to the Record Room, into the conference and Kiskadden claimed he had forgotten everything about ever having been ordered by Captain Reif to file a complaint against Goldstein.

After reflecting on the situation, Roy Hyatt again conferred with Agents Kingman and Hopton and advised them that he did not believe it would be practicable to launch prosecution against Harry Goldstein under the city ordinance at this time, as the maximum fine is \$20.00 with costs, and that a conviction of Goldstein would not be productive of any information as to the identity of the purchaser of the gun, and that he was afraid Goldstein would consider that a complaint at this time was persecution rather than prosecution.

Mr. Hyatt further stated that the fact that the sale of the gun had taken place in August, 1935, during the administration prior to his, Hyatt's, as he did not take office until May, 1936, was an additional reason why he did not wish to authorize prosecution now against Goldstein. He stated further that Goldstein would have an excellent defense in the event of prosecution, due to the fact that it was common practice for the sellers of firearms to neg-

lect to take the fingerprints of the purchasers of such firearms, and that this particular ordinance had never been properly enforced, and that the files in possession of the Tulsa Police Department covering purchasers of firearms were full of sheets upon which fingerprints had not been recorded, and that no prosecution so far as he could determine, had ever been administered for such failure to provide fingerprints.

Mr. Hyatt said he believed the better course to pursue in this matter would be to call Harry Goldstein to the office of the Chief of Police, and in the presence of Bureau Agents outline to him in a very positive manner, the results of his failure to take fingerprints on selling instant gun, and the fact that Mr. Hoover, Director, was very much disappointed because the identity of the purchaser could not be determined, and that the Bureau had been occasioned considerable expense and trouble in tracing this gun, only to be stopped in their efforts by Goldstein's failure to comply with the ordinance.

It was ascertained that Harry Goldstein was out of the city of Tulsa on September 22d, 1937 on a business trip to Fort Worth, Texas and that he would return within a few days. Therefore, the conference in the office of Chief of Police Roy Hyatt with Goldstein was postponed until after the return of Mr. Hyatt from the Baltimore conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

As a result of this conference, Mr. Hyatt informed Agents Kingman and Hyatt that he was issuing orders to A. B. Leach, who is now in charge of the pawn shop detail, to give a course of instructions to all sellers of firearms in Tulsa in the taking of fingerprints, in order that fingerprints being recorded on the notice of purchase of firearms shall in the future be properly rolled and of sufficient detail to enable classification, as it has been noted that the fingerprints taken in the past on these notices of purchase have been very meagre, taken with

ordinary stamp pad, and in many instances, smeared or with only the tips of the fingers showing, and not of sufficient detail to enable classification. Mr. Hyatt also stated he was instructing Officer Leach to notify every vendor of firearms that in the future this ordinance was going to be rigidly enforced.

As stated in the Bureau's letter of April 26th, 1937 we can not compel the Tulsa Police Department to prosecute Goldstein and it is quite apparent that no such prosecution will be instituted. You will be advised of the nature and results of the conference had in the office of Chief of Police Roy Hyatt, with Mr. Harry Goldstein, discussing this matter in the presence of Bureau Agents.

Very truly yours,


C. W. STEIN,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

CC Cincinnati

FJM:EG

October 1, 1937.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

The ransom notes designated below taken from the cases indicated, have been placed in the ransom note exhibit, contained in a cabinet in the Director's office reception room:

Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. #1218, et al.;
Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping,
Bureau File #7-576

One Ransom note beginning "We are now dealing with you as you requested***".

One ransom note beginning "The coppers jimmied the last payoff.***".

One ransom note beginning "You are hereby declared in on a very desperate undertaking***".

Unknown Subjects; Caleb Jones Milne, Fourth, with aliases;
Caleb Jones Milne, Second - Victim; Kidnaping; Extortion.

7-1533-1 A. Original extortion letter composed of words clipped from newspapers beginning "Your brother he***".

C. Envelope addressed to Frederick Milne and postmarked "Poughkeepsie, New York, December 14, 1935, 7:50 P. M.".

Hanap, Bureau File #7-77

Two ransom notes addressed to Mr. William Dunn by kidnapers of William Hamm, Junior, which are mentioned in Laboratory Report #7-77-148

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George R. Kelly, et al. - Subjects;
Charles F. Urschel - Victim; Kidnaping.
Bureau File #7-115

One ransom note beginning "In view of the fact
that you have***".

One ransom note beginning "The enclosed letter
from Charles F. Urschel***".

William Mahan, with aliases, et al.;
George Weyerhaeuser - Victim; Kidnaping.
Bureau File #7-1367.

7-1367-1 A. Original ransom letter beginning

"To whom it may concern

1. \$200,000 in cash.

2. \$100,000 in \$20.00 bills.***".

B. Envelope in which above letter was

mailed to J. P. Weyerhaeuser,
420 North 4th Street, Tacoma, Washington,
postmarked "Tacoma, Washington,
May 24, 1935, 6 P. M.".

7-1367-248 B Original typewritten note beginning

"enclose letter from George***".

C Original letter beginning "May 28, 1935
I don't know where I am Mother."

D Original typewritten note beginning

"You were informed last night by letter
from us also one from George that you were
to be here***".

J Original typewritten note beginning

"Follow directions closely leave your car
here motor running done light on leave
money***".

E. P. Coffey.

September 28, 1937.

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~~PERSONAL~~

Mr. D. Brantley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sirs

Your attention is invited to Bureau letter dated August 4, 1937, again calling to your attention the suggestion made by the Bureau relative to the prosecution of Alvin Karpis on a charge of murder at West Plains, Missouri.

As you are aware of the Bureau's desire to have this matter given your personal attention, it is desired that you advise the Bureau if you have had an opportunity to conduct the necessary investigation concerning this matter. In the event you have not had an opportunity to conduct this investigation, the Bureau desires to be advised as to the approximate date on which you will conduct the necessary interviews requested by the Bureau concerning this matter.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Bauchman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hottel
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Mr. Naughton
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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John Edgar Hoover

JEL: ERM

September 28, 1937.

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**Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.**

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sirs

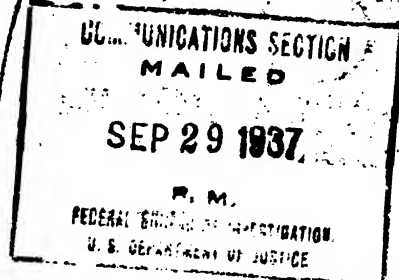
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The Bureau desires that this investigation be followed by your office without further delay.

Very truly yours,

**John Edgar Hoover,
Director.**

CC Mr. E. J. Connelley,
New York City.



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September 28, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREKID.

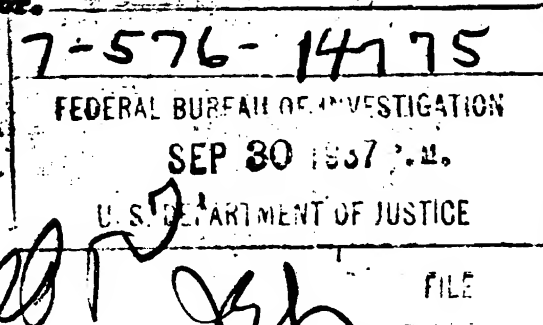
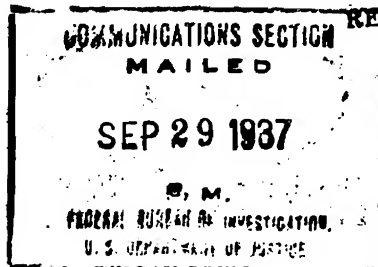
Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Bureau letter dated August 25, 1937, again calling your attention to the report of Special Agent A. E. Farland, dated at Kansas City, July 13, 1937, in connection with certain statements made by Preston Leroy Paden concerning Attorney Hugh Larimer, and requesting that investigation be conducted immediately regarding a possible violation of the Harboring Statute by Larimer.

To date the Bureau file fails to reflect that your office has complied with these instructions. It is desired that this matter be placed in line for immediate investigative attention and that the Bureau be promptly advised.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
SEPTEMBER 29, 1937.

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✓
Edw. J. Bremer
Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with request contained in your telegram dated September 28, 1937, there is transmitted herewith a descriptive photograph of Howard W. Davis, alias Jack Davis, alias Carl A. Black, United States Penitentiary Annex, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, No. 35081.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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9/30/37 - 524 Richmond
Cincinnati

W.S. Beauchamp identified
your gentleman as
told me who was John Hamilton
the noted robber off the west
Have ever been caught or
not? If not please forward me
his photo graph at once & have
a man off his description
spotted near we think & saw
his photo graph in the west
but I for got the picture & I
have not been caught yet
this will get him near with
out fail He is passing as a
colored man & got a colored
woman for a sweet heart
He have been her a little
better than 6 months when
you send me his photo if this
is him I will notify you
once I tel me what is the
reward for him - Respefully

J.W. Marshall

9/30/37

524 Richmond St.

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Dear Gentlemen:

Please Tell me whother John Hamlaton the Noted Robber off the west Have Ever ben caught or Not. if not Pleas foward me His Poto Graph at once. I Have a man off His Discription spotted Hear we think. I Saw His Poto-Graph in the west But I for got the Fetures. if He Have not ben caught we think wee got Him Hear with Out Fail. He is poseing as a colored man & got a colored womman for a sweat-Heart. He Have ben Her a little Better than 6 months. When you send me his poto if this is Him I will Noterfy you at once & tel me what is the Reward for Him.

Respectfully

J. W. MARSHALL (S)

JHM:PED

October 8, 1937.

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Mr. J. W. Marshall,
524 Richmond Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Your letter of September 30, 1937, has been received, in which you request information concerning John Hamilton.

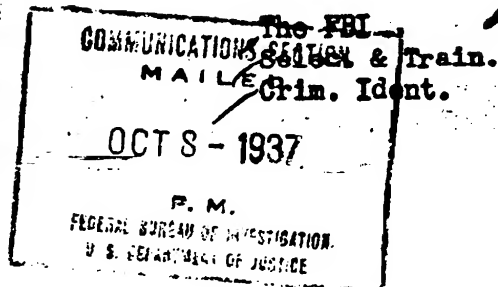
Your interest in law enforcement and your desire to assist in the capture of John Hamilton are indeed appreciated; however, I wish to advise that Hamilton was injured in a gun battle when he and other members of the gang with which he was associated fled from Little Bohemia, Minnesota, on the evening of April 23, 1934, and he died shortly thereafter.

In the belief that you may find them of some interest, I am enclosing several pamphlets which are descriptive of the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
October 2, 1937

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of September 28, 1937 (Bureau File 7-576), seeking information as to whether I have had opportunity to conduct certain interviews and investigation in connection with the proposed prosecution of Alvin Karpis at West Plains, Missouri for the murder of Sheriff Kelly there several years ago.

In response to Bureau letter of August 4, 1937, concerning this subject matter, I wrote you on August 11th, outlining certain conversations and interviews I had had with officials at West Plains with respect to the prosecution of Karpis.

In the last paragraph of my letter it was stated that upon receipt of further advices from the Prosecuting Attorney, the Bureau would be further advised. To date, I have had no further word from Mr. Roberts, Prosecuting Attorney at West Plains, concerning this case, and I have today written him.

My views with respect to what will be required for the successful prosecution of this case are outlined in my letter to you of August 11th, 1937.

I wish that you would advise me whether you desire the Bureau to conduct any investigation in this case, in the event Mr. Roberts intends to prosecute Karpis for this murder.

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Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box #1525
Pittsburgh, Pa.

October 4, 1937

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREKID Edward G. Bremer

Dear Sir:

Upon examining the Pittsburgh Office file entitled as above--which file has been R.U.C.ed in the records of this office upon suggestion of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd at a recent inspection--it has been found that the photographs of Carl Straka and Ralph Straka, attached to your letter of April 13, 1937, were not returned to your office as suggested.

The photographs are now being returned, attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

R. J. UNTERKINER
Special Agent in Charge

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Washington, D. C.

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September 28, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: BREKID

For your information, Mrs. Philip David, formerly Mrs. Toby Fintel, the wife of the individual who rented Alvin Karpis and Grace Goldstein their house at 124 Clubb Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for about two months beginning in early December, 1935, related in a signed statement that Chief of Detectives Akers and City Attorney A. T. Davies brought an incinerator to 124 Clubb Street, and that Akers with the former Police Chief, Wakelin, and two unknown men brought a package to that house while Karpis resided there.

It might be stated that Mrs. David is well-acquainted with Akers and Wakelin while she is not acquainted with Mr. Davies and her identification of him as accompanying Akers to the Karpis hide-out is related from what her late husband stated.

Respectfully,

J. E. Lawler
J. E. Lawler.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati**

FILE NO. **7-15 ALT/WH**

REPORT MADE AT New Orleans	DATE WHEN MADE 10-1-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-20, 23-37	REPORT MADE BY Wilmer L. Thompson
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1232; et al; Edward George Bremer - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: b7d b7c [REDACTED] advises no information available concerning J. W. Mullins' present whereabouts; [REDACTED] indicate that the St. Louis Branch of that company on 9-18-37 referred Mullins to St. Louis Division, F. B. I. as possible NMVTA subject in view of alleged connection with auto theft ring operating out of Evansville, Ind. <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent William T. Morton, Memphis, 9-3-37. DETAILS: At Shreveport, La. Mr. J. D. Boyd, Manager, Sinclair Oil Company service station, Bossier City, La., informed agent on September 20, 1937 that he understood that the Wray-Dickerson Motor Company had some information concerning the present whereabouts of Mullins. On September 23, 1937 interview was had with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] allowed agent to examine his file in Mullins' case and it was noted that a report of the St. Louis Branch of the company, dated September 20, 1937, signed by RHW, branch manager, states that information received indicates that Mullins has been living in Evansville, Ind., and that he has been working for Bruce Richardson Company of New York City. It appears that he has again worked his old game of sending in fictitious orders and then cashing the commission check on same. The report also indicates that the car in Mullins' possession when last seen was a Tudor Sedan and not			
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a Four Door Sedan which might mean that he has disposed of the car he purchased in Shreveport, La. The file also shows that Mullins was reported to the St. Louis Division of the Bureau [redacted] as being a possible subject in an alleged auto theft ring working out of Evansville, Ind.

[redacted] stated that he had originally contacted the St. Louis Branch because of information received from the Wray-Dickerson Motor Company to the effect that one Holmes had written them concerning instant car. Holmes was contacted [redacted] and it appeared that he was actuated by a desire to get a reward for the recovery of the Mullins car. This information is the same as that referred to by Mr. Boyd.

[redacted] stated that he would notify agent should he obtain any information concerning the whereabouts of Mullins but that he very much doubted any further payments would be received from this man.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: ST. LOUIS DIVISION: At St. Louis, Mo., will keep in touch with [redacted] for information concerning the whereabouts of J. W. Mullins.

No leads are being set out to conduct investigation at Evansville, Ind., such being left to the St. Louis Division who, no doubt, are in possession of more information than that set out in the report [redacted]

P E N D I N G

507 Federal Building
Box 2778
Juneau, Alaska
September 21, 1937

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v
Mr. Oscar O. Olson
Territorial Treasurer
Juneau, Alaska

Re: BREXID *Edmond & B...*

Dear Sir:

This Office, in connection with an official investigation, respectfully requests that you have a stop notice placed in your automobile registration file in order that this Office will be notified in the event an individual named J. M. ~~LETT~~, with aliases: Milton Lett and Carl Baker, registers an automobile in the Territory of Alaska.

This Office likewise desires to be notified in the event a 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2044337 or a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322772, Serial #2619887, is registered in your office in the future.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this and other similar matters, I am

Very truly yours,

D. S. Hostetter
Special Agent in Charge

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United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
October 2, 1937.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter dated September 15, 1937 at Jefferson City, Missouri, from Mrs. EDNA MURRAY, an inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary, this letter being addressed to Special Agent Daniel P. Sullivan.

It will be noted that Mrs. MURRAY mentions that she is preparing her file to present to the Parole Board. It may be mentioned that Agent Sullivan was brought into contact with Mrs. MURRAY at the various trials held in connection with the BREKID and HANAP cases at St. Paul, Minnesota, Toledo, Ohio, and Jacksonville, Florida, in which trials Mrs. MURRAY appeared as a witness for the Government.

The enclosed letter is being transmitted to the Bureau for whatever action, if any, the Bureau desires to take in connection with the request of Mrs. MURRAY. You are advised that receipt of this letter will not be acknowledged by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan unless the Bureau deems it advisable that this be done.

Very truly yours,

Chapmon Fletcher
CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Cincinnati
Cleveland

Mr. Connelley

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JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Prisoners must strictly comply with the following: They may write not to exceed two letters each week. They are not allowed to receive eatables of any kind. Newspapers and other reading matter must be received direct from the publishers, or their agents. The reward of good conduct is early release; prisoners should be encouraged to be good. All outgoing letters must be written on this stationery and must not exceed one sheet of paper, and on one side of paper only. DO NOT SEND MONEY IN ANY OTHER FORM THAN BY POSTOFFICE OR EXPRESS MONEY ORDER, AND MADE PAYABLE TO SECRETARY, Missouri State Prison.

Name.....
Relationship.....
Street Number.....
City..... State.....

Name *Mrs Edna Murray*
Box 900. Register No. *28973* No. *1* letter this week
Hall..... Jefferson City, Mo..... 193

Jefferson City, Missouri.
September 15th, 1937.

Mr. Daniel P. Sullivan,
Agent Department of Justice,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Now that I am in such poor health, I am building up my file to present to the Parole Board, desirous of securing a release so that I might get the proper medical care.

As you know I have been truthful and tried to aid the U. S. Government, volunteering my testimony freely in various cases; namely, Bremer-Hamm Kidnaping trials and Karpis Investigation in Toledo, Ohio.

Will you please write a letter in my behalf to the Missouri Pardon and Parole Board stating my service to the U. S. Government. Mail letter to Warden J. M. Sanders, Jefferson City, Missouri, who will present same to the Board.

Your letter will be of much benefit to me and I trust you will not think I am taking too much liberty in asking this favor. Thanking You, I am,

Very truly yours,

Mrs Edna Murray
Mrs. Edna Murray.

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October 13, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication dated October 7, 1937, to which was attached a letter from Mrs. Edna Murray addressed to Special Agent Daniel P. Sullivan under date of September 15, 1937, requesting that a letter be forwarded in her behalf to Warden J. H. Sanders, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Please be advised that the Bureau does not consider it advisable to have Agent Sullivan direct a letter to Edna Murray. The Kansas City Office was recently advised of a letter which Edna Murray wrote to the Bureau requesting a similar letter and it was advised to have an Agent, when next at the penitentiary, interview Edna Murray and advise her that any position precludes any writing such a letter.

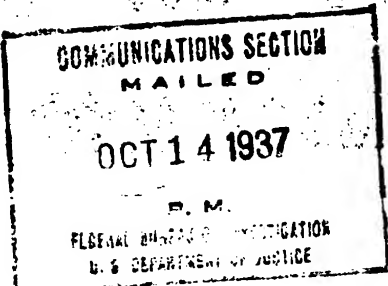
I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Kansas City Office with the request that the Agent assigned to interview Edna Murray mention the fact that Agents are not permitted to write such letters.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Cincinnati
Cleveland
Mr. Connelley - Chicago

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy



[Handwritten signature]

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

KRM:CJ

September 2, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Upon the request of Mr. Vogel I am submitting to you herewith my knowledge of the use of technical equipment in the field.

It is my recollection that in the fall of 1935 Special Agents Brown, Madala and others under the supervision of Mr. Connelley set up a two-way radio system [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I understand that the Agents had an apartment rented a short distance therefrom and the purpose of the radio setup was to gain information as to what was transpiring [REDACTED] It is my recollection that this setup worked unusually well.

I seem to recall that some technical equipment was used during the surveillance of Mr. Karpavicz, the father of Alvin O Karpis, on Chicago's North Side. I have no recollection as to the details. I believe, however, that Agent Criss was assigned to this matter and would know the details.

It is my recollection that Agents of the New York office used a microphone which was suspended in the fireplace of Frankie Foster's apartment. I do not know whether any results were had but I do recall that the presence of the microphone was detected by the women associated with Frankie Foster. Agent W. S. Devereaux is familiar with the details of this matter.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire
K. R. McIntire.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT Memphis, Tennessee	DATE WHEN MADE 10/4/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/1-2/37	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM T. MORTON WTM:C
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: "Ginger" Morgan identified clipping of newspaper article bearing on Alvin Karpis, which appeared in the Chicago Herald and Examiner on 12/1/35, as the one she displayed to Grace Goldstein at time Karpis was supposed to be consorting with her.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Little Rock Division dated 9/27/37.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:</p> <p>On 10/2/37, Della May Jeffries, alias "Ginger" Morgan, who is now residing at the Monroe Hotel, 73 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, appeared at the Memphis office, at which time she was shown photostats of two articles bearing on Alvin Karpis which appeared in the Chicago Herald and Examiner on 10/20/35 and 12/1/35. She immediately identified the article dated 12/1/35 as being the one she referred to in her signed statement, contained in the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 8/10/37, which she informs she displayed to Grace Goldstein at the time the latter was supposed to be consorting with in Hot Springs, Arkansas. At this time, she placed her initials on the photostat which she identified.</p> <p>In an effort to locate "Ginger" in Memphis, it was ascertained that she no longer resides at the house of prostitution located at 275 South Third Street, and at this time the housekeeper, Ola Martin, white, appeared very much interested in "Ginger" and assisted in her location. It was noted that the Martin woman continually stated that she knew the "mob" over at Hot Springs, and that she was afraid that she was going to get in trouble and "some of that bunch in Hot Springs would beat her brains out."</p>			
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She was brought to the Memphis office and questioned at great length, at which time she informed that she had frequently practiced prostitution in Hot Springs, Arkansas, particularly during 1935 and 1936, and that she was a close friend of Grace Goldstein. However, she at no time worked in any house operated by the latter. No information was obtained from her, and she emphatically denied that she had ever seen Karpis or any of the members of his gang in Hot Springs, but she had good reason to believe that they were there during the above mentioned years. She also advised that she had recently been in Hot Springs, and that Grace Goldstein informed the Chief of Police, Joe Wakelin, also Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, were very worried over the Bureau's investigation of this matter.

This matter concerning Ola Martin is being included herein with the belief that the Little Rock office might deem it advisable to ascertain from the files of this case if Ola Martin is any way connected with this investigation and should again be interviewed.

On 9/20/37, Pauline Hargrove, a prospective witness in this case, called the Memphis office by long distance from Atlanta, Georgia, and advised that her present address is Pauline Hargrove, in care of Henry-Grady, Atlanta, Georgia.

On 9/16/37 Gertrude Theresa Nichols, alias Jackie Wright, advised the Memphis office that she is presently living at the Monroe Hotel, 73 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

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ATLANTA DIVISION AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA: Is requested to contact Pauline Hargrove at the Henry-Grady Hotel and advise her that she should keep in touch with that office as long as she is in that office's territory, in order that she may be available as a witness in the event this case is brought to trial.

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United States Department of Justice

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Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
October 5th, 1937

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 28th, 1937 (Bureau file #7-576) calling attention to Bureau letter of July 26th, 1937 instructing that this office review the file concerning Milton Lett with a view to discovering leads whereby he may be apprehended, your attention is invited to a report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Oklahoma City, dated August 21st, 1937. Although his report was not formally announced as a review of the file, in fact the file had been reviewed by Agent Hopton prior to the reported investigation. His report covers the known contacts of Lett in Oklahoma and the undeveloped leads pending therein will receive attention within the very near future.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein
C. W. STEIN,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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United States Department of Justice**

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Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
October 5th, 1937

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 28th, 1937 (Bureau file 7-576) relating to the prosecution of Harry Goldstein for the illegal sale of a .45 Colt pistol which was found in the possession of Alvin Karpis, please refer to the letter from this office dated September 27th, 1937.

Due to unavoidable circumstances I have not been able to proceed to Tulsa for the purpose of conducting the necessary investigation. However, on September 22d, 1937 Special Agent L. E. Kingman, Number One man in this office, was in Tulsa and had previously contacted Chief of Police Roy Hyatt and other members of the Police Department regarding this very same matter. It will be recalled that Special Agent Kingman originally conducted the investigation in Tulsa relating to the .45 automatic pistol. Accordingly, he was instructed to contact Chief of Police Roy Hyatt for the purpose of bringing this violation of a city ordinance to a head.

You will note that in the letter submitted by this office on September 27th, 1937 that it was of importance that Agent Kingman conducted this investigation inasmuch as the question of the conference had by Agent Kingman with Captain George Reif of the Police Department was in issue, particularly as to the activities of Officer Kiskadden, who had failed to file a complaint when instructed to do so by Captain George Reif.

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This matter will be followed up so that the Bureau
can be advised of the ultimate opinion of Chief of
Police Roy Hyatt.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. W. Stein".

C. W. STEIN,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.
October 6, 1937.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

Mr. George Howell, Howell Furniture Company, 2570 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, Nebraska, telephonically contacted the Omaha Field Office and requested that an Agent be sent to interview him. Special Agent D. J. Kennedy interviewed Mr. Howell, and submitted the following memorandum covering this interview:

"A woman named Mrs. A. C. Gleeson, 820 South 29th Street, Omaha, who owns a number of apartments and purchases furniture from Mr. Howell, told him that one of her former tenants was a woman named Mrs. Gladys Sawyer. According to Mrs. Gleeson, Mrs. Sawyer drank heavily and while in these drunken stupors, told Mrs. Gleeson that she was the wife of one of the Bremer kidnapers; that her husband was presently serving a life sentence at Alcatraz; that \$30,000 of the ransom money was buried near the Illinois Central Railway Station (which one was not mentioned to Mr. Howell), but that she was afraid to get it because the money was numbered and was hot. Mrs. Gleeson told Mr. Howell that Mrs. Sawyer is presently in Chicago; that one of the other tenants had recently been commissioned to sell Mrs. Sawyer's furniture for her and would undoubtedly know her address in Chicago.

"Mr. Howell requested that no mention of his name be made in this matter."

The writer and Special Agent J. L. Flood interviewed Mrs. Gleeson at her rooming house at 820 South 29th Street, Omaha. Mrs. Gleeson advised that for several weeks during April and May, 1937, Mrs. Gladys Sawyer occupied an apartment at her rooming house and that at no time had Mrs. Sawyer advised her of any of her past associations with criminals or any related information. Mrs. Gleeson advised that the information she received with reference to money or valuables being buried beneath the Illinois Central Railroad Bridge (not Station) was obtained from Mrs. Evelyn Caito, who also occupies an apartment in Mrs. Gleeson's rooming house.

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Mrs. Caito, upon interview, advised that she used to trade at Mrs. Sawyer's grocery store in Omaha and in this way became acquainted with the latter. Mrs. Sawyer, on occasions, became intoxicated and when in this condition would discuss incidents in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case, and also tell how her husband was convicted and was serving a term in prison in the Federal Penitentiary. Mrs. Caito said that a few months ago, she, her husband and children, were out riding in Mrs. Sawyer's car and as they passed by the Illinois Central Railroad Bridge, near Locust Street, Omaha, Mrs. Sawyer said, "At one time Harry Sawyer had a lot of bonds buried there". Mrs. Sawyer did not specify the amount of bonds, where they were supposed to be buried, the date, or furnish any further information in connection therewith.

It was apparent Mrs. Caito had mentioned this incident to Mrs. Gleeson, and as the incident was later enlarged upon, either Mrs. Gleeson or Mr. Howell stipulated the amount as \$30,000.00 in money. Mrs. Caito insists Mrs. Sawyer said it was bonds and did not name any amount.

Neither Mrs. Caito nor Mrs. Gleeson was advised that Mr. Howell was the informant in this matter.

Mrs. Caito had no further information of value she had obtained from Mrs. Sawyer, except she recalled that the latter had said Harry Sawyer was in some manner connected with a bank robbery in Denver, Colorado, and subsequently had brought some of the money to Omaha. Mrs. Caito advised that Mrs. Sawyer did not furnish her with any particulars in reference to the Denver bank robbery; such as the date, amount of money obtained, etc.

Mrs. Sawyer will not be interviewed at this time, in view of the indefinite information obtained from the interview with Mrs. Caito. According to Mrs. Caito, Mrs. Sawyer is presently in Colorado, selling cosmetics for the Modernistic Cosmetic Company, which has offices at 310 South 19th Street, Omaha.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Denver Field Office for its information.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher
H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Cincinnati; Cleveland;
Denver; Chicago.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
October 6th, 1937.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau communication of September 28th, 1937, (7-576), which letter instructs that a review of the file in the above entitled case concerning MILTON LETT be immediately made at this office and investigation be immediately commenced.

The Bureau is, of course, advised that Special Agents D. P. Sullivan and John L. Madala have been actively engaged for the past several days and until their departure for Chicago on special assignment, in the preparation of a Summary Report of the pertinent facts in connection with the above entitled case, insofar as they relate to the harboring of ALVIN KARPIS at Hot Springs, Arkansas. During the course of this review of the files of this office, however, and the preparation of the Summary Report, they have, of course, gathered the pertinent information contained in the files relative to MILTON LETT and frequently during the course of their investigations at Hot Springs, Arkansas, they have handled current leads, which pertained to LETT. I had in mind that these same two Agents, upon completion of the Summary Report in this case, might, with the approval of the Bureau, then prepare a report covering the review of the file insofar as it pertained to leads in this District which concerned MILTON LETT and if this should now meet with the

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approval of the Bureau and upon the return of these Agents to the Little Rock Office to complete the preparation of the Summary Report, this action will be taken.

In the event the Bureau should not approve of this procedure I will then, of course, assign an Agent of this office to review the file insofar as it pertains to LETI who will set forth the pertinent details in a report. The Bureau is, of course, advised that this file at the Little Rock office is comprised of many sections and it would be a difficult task for an Agent who is not familiar with the case to proceed with its review.

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In connection with the above matter and other cases pending in the Little Rock District, particularly those instances where it is necessary for an Agent to cover leads in the vicinity of Hot Springs, Arkansas and in connection with assignments involving personal danger, I do not feel that the present personnel of this office is competent to cope with such situations. I have, as the Bureau knows, a personnel largely made up of new Agents and there is no experienced Agent, with the exception of Special Agent Norman H. McCabe, who is the Resident Agent at Fort Smith, Arkansas and who is required to remain at that point, available at this office, who in my opinion is competent to handle leads involving the apprehension of persons such as MILTON LETT, BRADY or HUGH GANT and others who in all probability will frequent Hot Springs, Arkansas, during the coming winter season and it is, therefore, requested that the Bureau, when it is possible to do so, consider the advisability of transferring


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to this Division some Agent who is qualified to act as Number One Man of this office and who may be used in connection with investigations in this District which may involve personal danger.

In the absence of Bureau instructions to the contrary, I will await the return of Special Agents Sullivan and Madala, or until such time as the Bureau finds it possible to order transferred to this Division an Agent with the qualifications as outlined, in order that he may proceed with the review of this file concerning MILTON LETT and thereafter vigorously carry out any leads which he may find through such a review of the file.

Very truly yours,


CHAPMON FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Chicago, Illinois

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October 12, 1937.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Chapman Fletcher,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 6, 1937, in which you express your opinion that the Special Agents assigned to the Little Rock district are not competent to handle situations involving personal danger.

Since all Bureau Agents receive the same training in the use of firearms and the conducting of raids and in other matters involving the use of firearms and the elements of personal danger, I am unable to understand why the men assigned to your office are not as well qualified in this regard as the other men in the service. I desire that you immediately submit to me a special efficiency report upon each of the Special Agents assigned to your office outlining in detail the ability and experience of each man in connection with cases involving the possible use of firearms.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter of October 2nd, 1937, which relates to the possible prosecution at West Plains, Mo. of Alvin Karpis for the murder of Sheriff Kelly there several years ago.

On October 2nd, 1937, I wrote Mr. William D. Roberts, the prosecuting attorney at West Plains with respect to this matter, and am in receipt of a letter from him, copies of which are attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Wm. L. Roberts
Prosecuting Atty.,
Howell County
West Plains, Missouri

October 7, 1937

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Dwight Brantley, Special Agent in Charge
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Dear Mr. Brantley:-

Your letter of October 2 was duly received last Monday morning. Circuit Court convened here on that morning and I have been so busy since that this answer has been delayed. I meant to write you some time ago about this matter but overlooked it and am glad that you reminded me of it.

Mr. Green who was to get the feelings of those who naturally would be interested in the prosecution of this case seemed to be very slow and several days after his promise to see these people, I spoke to him about it. He reported that some were apparently in favor of a prosecution and others were not. Mrs. Kelly, widow of Sheriff Kelly, deceased, was out of town at the time. As a matter of fact, she may yet be out of town. At any rate I have not seen her for quite a while. The last time I spoke to Mr. Green about this matter he had not yet seen Mrs. Kelly. I have tried to get her several times over the phone but was unable to do so.

Not satisfied with Mr. Green's report, I talked with a few of these people in person and didn't get very much encouragement. I decided that under these circumstances it may be better to let the matter drop. If those who should be interested in the prosecution do not want it, I see no reason for insisting upon it and bringing upon myself a lot of work when I have already got all I can do.

I appreciate your interest in the matter and the interest of your department. I want to do my official duty but under the circumstances above mentioned, I feel that I am warranted in not forcing a prosecution for murder in this case.

Thanking you, however, for the interest that you have taken in this matter, I am, with kindest personal regards,

Yours truly,

Wm. L. Roberts. /s/

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October 7, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Re: Murder of Elmer J. Davidson.

Reference is made to my earlier memorandum dated October 6, 1937, relative to the visit of Detective Sergeant E. J. McDermott of the Virginia State Police.

In connection with this case Mr. McDermott exhibited to Mr. Conrad a letter addressed to State Trooper Sam Sneed, Stafford Courthouse, Virginia, signed "Madam Harrison Astor", 1113 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., advising that she can tell the name of the person who killed Mr. Davidson. Mr. McDermott stated he had contacted this woman and she denied writing the letter.

Mr. Conrad, recalling that a similar letter over the same signature had been received in connection with the Ross Kidnaping Case and that still earlier a somewhat similar letter had been received in connection with the Brekid Case, requested Mr. McDermott to leave this letter in the laboratory in order that we might photograph it for the completion of our files in the case. Mr. Conrad did not indicate to McDermott that we had received any other letters, or otherwise indicate any further reason for desiring the letter.

McDermott stated that he would be glad to leave the letter, adding that Madam Harrison Astor stated that someone was writing letters of this type over her signature and she intended to take the matter up with Special Agent L. Loeb of the Washington Field Division.

Accordingly, I am having the letter compared with the two letters mentioned earlier in the memorandum in order to ascertain whether the same author is responsible for all three of them. Detective Sergeant McDermott requested that the letter be returned to him when the Bureau had completed its copy.

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Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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